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NEWS IN BRIEF

Burglars steal taps from Hajj House

SRINAGAR, Aug 29: Thieves stole taps from Hajj House located in Bemina area of Srinagar on Monday. A couple of employees from the Hajj House said the incident came to light around late afternoon when the sound of running water was heard by them.

They said all the costly taps in the bathrooms have been stolen by unknown burglars.

"This is the first such incident of this nature in the Hajj House and probably it is the handiwork of 'drug addicts,'" said an employee adding that CCTV footage is being observed.

Hajj Officer while confirming the incident said that a complaint has been registered in the police station.

Partly cloudy sky, light rain at isolated places in J&K

SRINAGAR, Aug 29: Weather was partly cloudy in J&K is the last 24 hours, and the MeT office said on Monday that partly cloudy weather with light rain at isolated places is likely to occur during the next 24 hours.

"Partly cloudy sky with light rain at isolated places is likely to occur in J&K during the next 24 hours," an official of the MeT department said.

Srinagar had 16.2, Pahalgam 11.3 and Gulmarg 9 degrees Celsius as the minimum temperature today. Drass in Ladakh region had 7.3, Leh 12 and Kargil 15.5 as the minimum temperature.

Jammu had 24.9, Katra 23.4, Batote 18.1, Banihal 16 and Bhaderwah 17.5 as the minimum temperature.

Fire breaks out in Srinagar hostel

SRINAGAR, Aug 29: Fire broke out in Gujjar Bakerwal hostel in Gujjar Bakerwal at Bemina locality in Srinagar due to gas leakage, officials said Monday.

They said fire broke out in a Gujjar and Bakerwal Hostel located at Hamdaniya Colony area of Bemina in Srinagar city.

Fire-fighters reached to the spot well on time; however, the kitchen of the hostel was damaged in the incident.

Police have registered a case and started investigation in this regard.

Officials said prima facie it seems the fire was caused due to the leakage in Liquefied Petroleum Gas Cylinder. No student was injured in the incident.

Non-local laborer found dead

SRINAGAR, Aug 29: A non-local painter was found hanging at his rented room in Srinagar on Monday.

Officials said that a 25-year-old non-local laborer who was working as a painter was found hanging at his rented room at Galwanpora area of Hyderpora. He was shifted to JVC Hospital, where doctors declared him as brought dead.

The victim has been identified as Shahjahan Sheikh Son of Tanveer Alam, a native of Bihar.

Police in this regard have initiated proceedings under 174 CrPC.

Flow of passengers declines from 18k to 10k at Sgr airport: Dir Airport

Srinagar, Aug 29 The flow of passengers has declined at Srinagar international airport while the authorities said that only 10,000 passengers are being handled per day. The officials also said that the new integrated terminal is an advanced stage and is set to enhance the passenger capacity to 6.5 million.

Director Srinagar Airport, Kuldeep Singh told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the passenger rush has decreased from 18,000 to 10,000 per day. The passenger rush has reduced drastically from about 18,000 per day to about 10,000 per day at Srinagar Airport," he said. However, he didn't utter anything with regard to the decline in the number of passengers.

Meanwhile, the top officials at Srinagar Airport said that the plans for constructing a new integrated terminal are at an advanced stage and it will be interlinked with existing building.

"With the construction of the new building, the passenger area will increase from 20,226 SM to 64,360 SM besides that the passenger capacity will increase to 6.5 million from the existing 2.5 million," they said. They added that the multi-level car parking will be

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Grievance status on JK-IGRAMS reviewed

HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, Aug 29: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr Asgar Hassan Samoon, today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review the status of grievances/complaints received by the SDD on JK-IGRAMS portal.

The meeting was attended by Mission Director, Skill Development Mission, J&K, Leena Padha; Director, Skill Development J&K, Sudershan Kumar; Financial Advisor, SDD, Yasir Sharif, Special Secretary, SDD; Secretary, Board of Technical Education, J&K and other concerned officials both in person and through video conferencing.

Addressing the meeting, Principal

Secretary stressed upon the officers to ensure early redressal of grievances received by the concerned authorities so that every benefits of every

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J&K Govt makes 200 services online for prompt service delivery

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, Aug 29: Jammu and Kashmir Government has made more than 200 services online for prompt service delivery for its citizens with effective feedback mechanism system.

With the help of this system, people could easily learn about the development works being done anywhere in J&K through Jan Bhagidari online platform and thereby establishes transparent system. During the ongoing digital revolution, feedback from thousands of people could

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To Nip Militancy in its bud is our Goal.

Drastic decline in Militancy Graph is an eye Opener : DGP Dilbagh Singh

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, Aug 29: Jammu Kashmir Police chief Dilbagh Singh on Saturday said militancy has declined in the past few years due to efforts of police and other security forces, but there is a need to prepare strategies for uprooting the terror ecosystem to consolidate peace.

Singh made these remarks while chairing a high-level crime review meeting at the police headquarters here. The Director General of Police (DGP) complimented the police, Army, and central armed police forces (CAPFs) for the successful conduct of the Amarnath pilgrimage, Muharram, and Independence Day celebra-

tions across Jammu and

Kashmir.

He conveyed the appreciation of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to officers and Jawans working collectively for peace in Jammu Kashmir.

"With the joint efforts of J-K Police and other

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Emergency app JKecop launched

Srinagar, Aug 29: Police on Monday said it had launched a JKecop App that will enable people to get emergency services including lodging of FIR at the click of a button.

"Public is requested to please download JKecop app for getting emergency services at ease," a police statement said.

"It is a single window solution for almost all police related issues like lodging complaints (FIR), giving information, reporting traffic violation, seeking

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BOHAT BAIABRU HOKAR TARAY KUCHAY SAY HUM NIKLAY .. FORCED TO LEAVE HOME: G N AZAD.

HT NEWS NETWORK

NEW DELHI, Aug 29: Days after resigning from Congress, veteran politician Gulam Nabi Azad on Monday said that he has been "forced to leave" his home.

Speaking to reporters in Delhi, Azad said, "Modi is an excuse, they have had an issue with me since the G23 letter was written. They never wanted anyone to

write to them, question them...

Several (Congress) meetings happened, but not even a single suggestion was taken."

In his resignation letter addressed to Sonia Gandhi, Azad had accused Rahul Gandhi of "demolishing" the "entire consultative mechanism" in the party, sidelining all "senior and experienced" leaders, and letting a "new coterie" of

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Four more senior leaders quit Congress

JAMMU, Aug 29: Four more Congress leaders, including former deputy speaker of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly Gulam Hyder Malik, and a dozen prominent workers of the Apni Party resigned from their respective parties on Monday in support of veteran politician Gulam Nabi Azad.

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PAGD to hold another all party meet in Jammu next month

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, Aug 29: In an attempt to garner the support of more political and social parties against the inclusion of "non-locals" in Jammu and Kashmir's electoral roll, the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) is holding an all-party meeting here next month.

Senior CPI(M) leader M Y Tarigami on Monday said the meeting will take place under the leadership of PAGD president Farooq Abdullah at his Jammu residence and is scheduled for 2 pm on September 10.

"The all-party meeting is

part of the ongoing consultations to come out with a joint strategy to stand united against any move to include outsiders in the electoral rolls in a bid to influence election results," Tarigami, who is also PAGD's convener and spokesperson, said. The alliance had convened a similar meeting in Srinagar on August 22, which was attended by the Congress, Shiv Sena and the Akali Dal (Mann), besides all of its constituents.

However, the Sajjad Lone-led People's Conference and Altaf Bukhari's Apni Party had stayed away.

"Any decision to include non-locals in electoral rolls of Jammu and Kashmir is unacceptable and will be contested by all means, including in court," Abdullah, the National Conference (NC) president and a former chief minister, had said after the meeting.

Abdullah, who chaired that meeting, had said they were united against the move to extend the voting right to "outsiders" as it would rob Jammu and Kashmir of its identity.

"The state's identity is about to end. The Dogras, Kashmiris, Paharis

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NIA arrests 12th accused in Handwara 'narco terrorism' case

HT NEWS NETWORK

NEW DELHI, Aug 29: The anti-terror federal probe agency NIA today said it has arrested the 12th accused in connection with Handwara narco-terrorism case from Kupwara in Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) for his alleged involvement in supply of narcotics, cash and arms and ammunition through the Line of Control (LOC).

An official spokesperson of the agency said the NIA on Sunday arrested 45-year-old Abdul Rauf Badan, a resident of Kupwara district for his involvement in case of supply of narcotics, cash and arms and ammunition through LOC border of Amrohi, Tangdhar area by concealing the consignment

in vegetable carrier vehicle. The NIA official said, "He is a key operator of the module of proscribed militant outfit LeT, which was working at the behest of Pakistani handlers. He was collecting the consignments of narcotics from Pakistani handlers in Tangdhar and other locations at the LoC, J&K and further delivering them to the other co-accused persons in the case."

The case was initially registered on June 11, 2020 at Handwara Police Station and later it was taken over by the NIA on June 23, 2020 by re-registering the case. Earlier, a charge sheet was submitted against 11 accused persons in the NIA Special Court, Jammu, in this case, the official

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COVID-19: J&K records 57 fresh cases, no fatality

SYED TAJAMUL BUKHARI

JAMMU, Aug 29: Jammu and Kashmir reported 57 fresh covid-19 cases while there was no death due to the virus during the last 24 hours, officials said on Monday.

They said that 11 cases were reported from Jammu division and 46 from Kashmir Valley, taking the overall tally to 477513. Among the cases, 173624 are from Jammu division and 303899 from Kashmir Valley.

Providing district wise details of the cases, they said, Jammu reported 9 cases, Udhampur 1, Rajouri 1, Doda 0, Kathua 0, Samba 0, Kishtwar 0, Poonch 0, Ramban 0, Reasi 0, Srinagar 14,

Baramulla 16, Budgam 5, Pulwama 5, Kupwara 2, Anantnag 0, Bandipora 2, Ganderbal 0, Kulgam 2 and Shopian 0.

There was no death due to the virus during the time. So far 4782 people have succumbed to the virus and among them include 2350 from Jammu division and 2432 from the Valley. Besides, they said, 286 Covid-19 patients recovered during the last 24 hours—49 from Jammu division and 237 from Kashmir Valley. There are now 1320 active cases—288 in Jammu and 1032 in Kashmir.

The officials said there was no new confirmed case of mucormycosis (black

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Court acquits man accused of kidnapping, raping minor in 2016

HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, Aug 29: A fast-track court here on Monday acquitted a man, accused of kidnapping and raping a minor girl in Jammu in 2016.

"The evidence of prosecutrix must be examined as that of an injured witness whose presence at the spot is probable but it can never be presumed that her statement should, without exception, be taken as gospel truth," said Khalil Choudhary, Presiding Officer, Fast Track Court Jammu, while acquitting accused, Karnail Singh who according to the prosecution had enticed the girl by using Imran on 13th July 2016.

"Additionally her statement can, at best, be adjudged on the principle that ordinarily no injured witness would tell a lie or implicate a person falsely," the court said, adding, "It cannot be lost sight of that rape causes the greatest distrust and humiliation to the victim but at the same time a false allegation of rape can cause equal distrust, humiliation and damage to the accused as well."

The accused, the court said, must also be protected against the possibility of false implication, particularly where a large number of accused are

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Surrendered militant detained under PSA in Ramban

HT NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU, Aug 29: A surrendered militant was detained under Public Safety Act (PSA) for his alleged involvement in "anti-national and anti-social" activities in Ramban district. He was lodged in Kot Bhalwal Jail in Jammu, officials said on Monday.

The order for the detention of Mohammad Amin Wani, a resident of Bankoot village of Banihal, under PSA was issued by Ramban District Magistrate on August 25, stating that his activities are "prejudicial to maintenance of public order". PSA is an administrative law that allows detention without charge or trial for up to two years in some cases.

As per the dossier prepared by Senior Superintendent of Police, Ramban, Mohita Sharma, Wani is reportedly involved in "anti-national/anti-social" activities and creating law and order problems in Banihal tehsil. "Wani is a surrendered militant, who had joined militancy in December, 1999 and crossed (exfiltrated) illegally across the border via Saban (Poonch) for arms training in Pakistan, from where the subject

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Hold panchayat level monthly convergence meetings of all the deptts: CS to officers

HT NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR, Aug 29: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today stressed on the officers of the Rural Development Depart-

ment (RDD) to hold at least one monthly meeting of all the line departments for ironing out the issues related to development in each panchayat.

The meeting was attended by

Principal Secretary, School Education; Commissioner Secretary, RDD; DG Budget; MD, JKRLM; Directors RDD Jammu/Kashmir and many other concerned officers and officials of the department.

Dr Mehta impressed upon the officers to ensure that each village is clean, hygienic and there is smooth implementation of schemes like Jal Jeevan Mission, DDUGJY, MGNREGA, PMGSY etc. He asked them to have regular interdepartmental meetings to formulate strategies for monitoring and better planning for each panchayat.

The Chief Secretary directed the officers of RDD to make it sure that each

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Apple Town Sopore and its rural areas in shambles: Nazir Ahmed Khan Authorities in deep Slumber

By Zargar Gulzar

Baramulla, August 25: The apple town of Sopore and its adjoining rural areas in North Kashmir's Baramulla district are in utter shambles due to apathy as the inhabitant's say they are being neglected for boycotting the elections. Chairman J&K Awami Party Nazir Ahmad Khan said the problems like garbage disposal, land appropriation, lack of proper medical care, electricity and traffic woes are among the issues facing the once-prosperous Sopore constituency.

He told that the residents, who are mostly associated with apple business, and are the highest tax payers but even the 10 percent of the money is not being spent on its development.

As per the his press statement issued to Headlines today, that the Sopore constituency especially town is not too far from Baramulla district headquarters and should have been equipped with all modern facilities due to its proximity.

However, people of the area have been neglected systematically for their refusal to vote in the elections.

"people of the area are being deliberately neglected in terms of development as most of the people boycott the elections and refrain themselves from voting," Khan told

Sopore town continued to crumble under the garbage it produces as authorities fail for years to finalize a dumping site for the town's garbage due to which streets, markets, roads and riverbeds are getting overwhelmed by the garbage, posing dangers to the environment, water and the health of residents.

Khan said that the town that was once called as "Chota London" for its prosperity has literally become the garbage town and the small roads and illegal encroachment of footpaths further adds to the chaos.

"Sopore sees an overwhelming traffic and shoppers daily. But nothing has been done to address the problems of traffic jam and vehicle parking issues of the people.

He said the vendors in the town have encroached roadsides and footpaths making it difficult for commuters and leads to traffic mess in the town. The residents of Sopore town are struggling with dilapidated roads.

The roads leading to villages of Sopore and other colonies within the dare full of pot-holes. "The roads in the town, be that the main road or the link roads which connect the town with the inner residential colonies, are dilapidated, and pot-holes have plagued them. The



bumpy rides due to bad roads have hampered traders business besides annoying commuters," , Khan said.

He said several new residential colonies came up in the town during the last 30 years as population has been increasing but the roads leading to the colonies are also in dilapidated condition and have not been developed; besides the drainage system is poor

Khan said that people of the constituency are dependent on a single water supply scheme for decades due to which people often face water scarcity issues.H said another water supply scheme that was sanctioned for the constituency is defunct as it has to lift water from the Wullar lake. "Water is being provided for only one or two hours.He had several times approached authorities to provide a water supply scheme to the constituency that will lift water from Jhelum river but on behalf of residents of the area his pleas were neglected," he said

The youth of Sopore constituency faces many problems to continue their sports activities as there is no stadium in the constituency and the existing stadium is in shambles due to which they are finding it difficult to play outdoor games. Besides, there are no public parks available.

The inhabitants of the constituency are dependent on the private institutions as the Government run institutions are in shambles.

The schools from Primary to Middle class level are pathetic as they lack infrastructure and basic facilities. "There are two Higher Secondary Schools in Sopore, one for boys and other for girls. He had often requested the concerned authorities to upgrade some High Schools to Higher Secondary Schools but nothing was done. The only Degree College built some 40 years ago, has same accommodation which it had then, despite increasing roll of students

manifold. There should be another Degree College in the constituency," Nazir Khan said.

He said the only higher secondary school for girls is facing dearth of space as almost 1500 students are enrolled in the school and for them there are only eight classrooms. Besides, there are only two washrooms available and they do not have a playground as well.

Khan said the state of healthcare and its related infrastructure has gone from bad to worse.

They said the Maternity and Childcare Hospital in Sopore is craving for improvement in basic facilities to patients and has dearth of staff as well. "The hospital is plagued with problems – primarily shortage of doctors and staff nurses. The hospital sees a huge rush of patients from Sopore, Bandipora and Kupwara areas. At least, 100 pregnant women visit the hospital everyday but due to dearth of doctors, the patients get least care in the hospital,"Nazir Khan, said

He also complained that the Sub-District hospital Sopore that sees a huge rush of patients from Sopore and adjoining areas like Bandipora, Rafiabad, Handwara and Kupwara but lack facilities.

He said the hospital has dearth of staff, however, more than thousand patients visit the hospital every day. "There are no specialists available in the hospital. During night hours, specialist doctors are hardly seen and often patients are being referred to other hospitals," Khan said.

Health facilities like primary health centers, sub centers and dispensaries in other villages and localities reflect the dismal state having staff dearth and lacking basic facilities.

The Inhabitants of Sopore town and its adjoining villages also complained that they have to face unscheduled and long power cuts, besides; the electricity poles and wires have not been repaired from years.

He said that the aggrieved people from the town and about 20 villages of Zaingeer belt are facing unprecedented power cuts.

He accused the PDD of not adhering to the curtailment schedule. " consumers of the constituency are not getting even 8-10 hours electricity in 24 hours. Students do face a lot of problems," Khan complained in his statement.

The Apple growers of the constituency should be provided with the spray oils or pesticides or fertilizers that are used in the orchards at subsidized rates as their price in the market is

working there round the clock. Some technical issues were also raised by the revenue officers in the meeting and the same were discussed threadbare in the meeting. The officers were assured that the issues will be taken up with the higher authorities on priority basis and will be redressed soon.

All the revenue officers were directed to gear up the sub-ordinate field staff for accelerating/ expediting the progress of digitization work and complete the same within the fixed timeline i.e. 15 September, 2022.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama/ Awantipora, Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, Pulwama and all Tehsildars/ Naib-Tehsildars of district Pulwama.



date.The Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pulwama and Awantipora also apprised the chair about the progress achieved in the District regarding digitization work.

Additional Deputy Commissioner, Awantipora apprised that a digitization centre has been established in the Sub-Division Awantipora and the field staff along with CIS operators is

Regional Director, S&LR reviews progress in digitization of Jamabandies under 2nd phase of DILRMP

PULWAMA, AUGUST 29: The Regional Director, Survey and Land Records (S&LR) South Kashmir, Dr. Abdul Hafiz Shah today chaired a meeting of all revenue officers of District Pulwama at District Headquarter to review the progress achieved in respect of digitization of Jamabandies under 2nd phase of Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP).

During the meeting, the Regional Director took a detailed review of the work done by the revenue officers.

A detailed powerpoint presentation was given by Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, Pulwama who apprised the chair that so far as 36569 khewats out of 88539, 88667 khatas out of 228518 and 181178 survey numbers out of 459255, have been digitized till

DC Baramulla presides ‘Children with Special Needs’ programme at GHSS

Every initiative being taken to uplift the Specially abled Persons: Dr Sehrish

BARAMULLA, AUGUST 29: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar to-day said that the specially abled children have the abilities to excel in every field and laid emphasis on the need to impart quality education to the students with special focus on developing their vocational skills so that they can lead independent lives and contribute to the society.

The DC made these remarks while presiding over a programme on ‘Children with Special Needs’ organized by Education Department Baramulla at Government Girls Higher Secondary School (GGHSS) Baramulla.

President Municipal Council Baramulla Touseef Raina, Chief Education Officer Baramulla G.M Lone, District Social Welfare Officer, Nissar Ahmad Wani besides various reputed sports personalities and children were present on the occasion.

The children taking part in this event showed various



types of art in different categories including Singing, Painting etc. They also presented a colorful series of cultural items on the occasion.

While addressing, the DC said that the specially abled children have the capacity and potential to nourish their abilities in every aspect of their life. She asserted that the District Administration will take every step for their upliftment.

She also said that providing better education and healthcare facilities to such individuals should

be the priority for all and assured that all required measures shall be taken to ensure a better education for these individuals.

The DC also interacted with Basketball player, Ishrat Jan, who apprised the DC with regard to some basic issues including non availability of any Basketball court in the entire district.

Acting upon the problem raised by her, the DC directed the concerned authorities to identify a separate land where a special basketball court

will be constructed to provide facilities to the said children.

The DC also directed the concerned officers to arrange a proper ramp facility for the children using wheelchairs and further directed them to look into the special needs of the people with special abilities so that measures are taken to ease the problems faced by them.

Meanwhile, DC exhorted all the concerned officers to organize such programmes on a regular basis so that people are made aware with regard to the rights and responsibilities towards the specially abled people.

President Municipal Council Baramulla also spoke on the occasion and threw light on the importance of making people aware about the rights of specially-abled persons.

Later, a felicitation programme was held where-in certificates and awards were handed over to the best individuals who have shown outstanding performance in the cultural items.

DC Doda reviews disaster preparedness

SDRF asked to conduct mock drills in educational institutions, Panchayat level

DODA, AUGUST 29: Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan, who is also the Chairman of District Disaster Committee, on Monday convened a meeting of the line departments, Army, CRPF, Police, SDRF here in his office chamber to review the disaster preparedness in the district.

The DC, while underlining the importance of disaster management, called for collective and coordinated efforts of the stakeholder department to avert/minimise the damages, due to any natural calamity. He directed the officers to devise a foolproof strategy for all the subunits of the district depending upon them having road connectivity or not.

Assessing the availability of stocks and material required to deal with the disasters, the DC directed the concerned to prepare a list of required modern equipment to submit the same for grant of funds. He desired that all the stakeholders should be well versed with the disaster plan for its effective execution in the time of need. The identification of locations for setting up relief camps and makeshift helpads in case of any eventuality was also stressed upon.

He further directed the officers to designate a nodal officer from each department to supervise the mitigation operations and coordinate during any emergency in their respective areas. The line departments were further asked to put up the emergency contact numbers/ details outside their offices for the information of the general public.

The SDRF unit Doda was directed to create mass awareness by holding mock drills in all educational institutions and at panchayat levels,



while the fire and emergency department was asked to conduct the fire safety-audit of all schools, government offices and health institutions within next one week and submit the compliance report.

The health department was directed to conduct awareness and training programs in Panchayats and schools regarding first aid and to share the list of staff along with their working locations and contact numbers with the DC office without any fail.

The engineering departments were asked to prepare a viable action plan to restore the essential amenities during any extraordinary situation and asked them to keep their men and machinery always on readiness mode. He further desired that the machinery be fitted with GPS and the location be shared with the DC and SSP office.

Police launches bung destruction drive in Burzulla Srinagar.



Srinagar, Aug 29, KNT: Continuing its efforts to eradicate menace of drugs from the society, Police in Burzulla on Monday launched bung destruction drive and destroyed bung cultivation in the jurisdiction of Police Station Sadar.According to SHO Mudasir here, the police party from Police Station Sadar along with Civil Societies and locals of the area launched a special drive against wild bung at Burzulla Bund and its adjacent areas and destroyed huge quantity of wild bung. General public of the area have widely appreciated the action taken by the Police especially SHO Mudasir.Police on this occasion requested community members to come forward with any information regarding cultivation of contrabands in their neighbourhood. Persons found indulging in drug peddling & cultivation of contraband substances shall be dealt as per law SHO Mudasir added.

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DC Kishtwar holds introductory meeting with officers of line Departments

KISHTWAR, AUGUST 29: After assuming the charge as Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kishtwar, Dr. Devansh Yadav today chaired a marathon of meeting with the District and sectoral officers here in the conference Hall DC office complex Kishtwar and took a detailed review of the achievements made on the developmental front and the implementation of different schemes in the district.

The meeting was attended by ADDC, Sham Lal; ADC, Kishori Lal Sharma; Joint Director Planning, Mohd Iqbal; ACR, Varunjeet Singh Charak; ACP Zakir Hussain Wani; SDM Chatroo, Inderjeet Parihar; SDM Marwah, Dr Mohsin Raza; SDM Paddar, Dr Rishi Sharma; ACD Kishtwar Atul Dutt Sharma; DPO Sunil Bhutyal besides other District and sectoral officers of key departments.

At the outset, the District and sectoral Officers gave their introduction to the Deputy Commissioner and greeted him for his new assignment.

The JD-planning gave a detailed powerpoint presentation on the physical and financial status of ongoing mega projects of Health, Education, PMDP, MGNREGA, PMGSY, PWD, PDD, PHE Agriculture, Horticulture etc in the District.The DC, while taking sector wise review, stressed on to focus on the core areas of development and asked the officers to work in synergy to improve their performances.He stressed on timeline completion of the developmental projects, particularly in the far flung areas/snow bound areas in view of the short working season.Further, he stressed on the district and sectoral officers to make concrete and coordinated efforts to achieve Nasha Mukti District by generating mass awareness about the drug menace.

Reviewing the agriculture sector, he asked the concerned officers to get GI Tagging of Kishtwar Saffron along with Kashmir Saffron and facilitate market linkage to the farmers to sell and market their products on different digital platforms.

SHRAADA

Founder Member of The Moden School of Embroidery, Kolkata, has left for heavenly abode on 18.08.2022. His last rites will be performed on 30th August, 2022, at 43/2,Sarat Chandra Dhar Road, Kolkata-700090.



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Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MUGHAL ROAD DIVISION SHOPIAN

NIT No: - 16/MRP/SPN/e-TENDERING/2022-23 Dated: 27-08-2022

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders on Percentage basis in Single Cover System are invited from approved and eligible Contractors /Agencies/Firm/Societies/Joint ventures for below mentioned items: -

S. No	Name of work	Cost of Tender (In lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	EMD (In Rs.)	Time of Completion (days)	Class of contract
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Construction of Parapets over the existing Retaining Walls at required spots in Sub Division 1st and 2nd of Shopian Side.	4.20	400/-	8,400/-	20 days	“DEE” (Registered Online)

Position of Funds: Available

Position of AA/TS: Accorded/Sanctioned

The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in.

1.	Date of issue of Tender Notice	27-08-2022
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 27-08-2022 To 01-09-2022
3.	Bid submission Start Date	27-08-2022
4.	Bid Submission End Date	01-09-2022
5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	02-09-2022 at 12.00 PM in the office of the Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian.

- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Challan / Receipt(Under MH- 0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority) (Name of Work to be mentioned on the Treasury Challan / Receipt(Refer Govt. order No. O.M No. A/24 (2017)-651 Dt 07-06-2018 (The Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority).
- The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 3% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favor of Executive Engineer Mughal Road Division Shopian (Tender receiving authority) within 03 Days before fixation of Contract and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.

DIPK-8877/22

Sd/-
HD/DM

Sd/-
Technical Officer

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mughal Road Division
Shopian

SP Security organises SMP for police personnel at Civil Secretariat Srinagar

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 29: Superintendent of Police (SP), Security, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar in collaboration with Ennobler Private Limited today organised Stress Management Program (SMP) for defence and police personnel in the premises of Civil Secretariat here.

The SMP was organised with an aim to mitigate the stress among the defence and police personnel deployed for duties at Civil Secretariat. Founder of Ennobler Private Limited, Divye Dehuta Mahajan, an expert in the field of human resources development and management, on the occasion delivered a thoughtful lecture on stress management skills and ways of managing stress while on duty.

Speaking on the occasion, SP, Security, Civil

Secretariat, Srinagar, Nighat Aman said that such kind of training sessions will be regularly conducted for police personnel. She also appreciated the Ennobler Private Limited for conducting such kind of program for police personnel here. The SMP was organised with an aim to mitigate the stress among the defence and police personnel deployed for duties at Civil Secretariat. Founder of Ennobler Private Limited, Divye Dehuta Mahajan, an expert in the field of human resources development and management, on the occasion delivered a thoughtful lecture on stress management skills and ways of managing stress while on duty. Speaking on the occasion, SP, Security, Civil

Dulloo reviews measures to control Lumpy Skin Disease in J&K Directs concerned to increase sampling & testing in their respective areas

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 29: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo today chaired a meeting to review the measures taken for controlling the spread of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) across Jammu and Kashmir.

Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, representatives of SKUAST Jammu/Kashmir, Chief Animal Husbandry officers of all districts and other concerned officials attended the meeting in person and through video conferencing.

The meeting held a threadbare discussion over the status of LSD and measures taken so far to contain it across the Union Territory while receiving feedback from the Task Force teams constituted in both the divisions of Jammu and Kashmir to contain spread of the disease.

The ACS enquired about

the status of the action taken with respect to vaccina-

prevention of disease, biosecurity, isolation, dis-

isolation of diseases animals and fogging in all the

paign door to door to make farmers aware about the



tion, ban on movement of animals, fogging, rapid response teams, public awareness besides, sampling & testing, disposal of dead animals etc.

The meeting also discussed steps being taken to control LSD which include transmission & spread, measures for control &

infection, availability of medicines and treatment.

Dulloo impressed upon the officers to fully implement all the guidelines of Government of India to contain the disease and added that in this regard three critical things need to be done viz restricting movement of animals ,

areas. He asked both the directors to ensure availability of required medicines in all the affected areas so that the spread can be tackled timely and directed them to increase sampling and testing in their respective areas.

He directed the concerned to run awareness cam-

disease, besides strengthening grievance disposal mechanism.

Earlier, during the meeting, it was informed that till date 21976 animals have been affected with LSD, out of which 10017 have recovered. It was also informed that 16146 doses have been administered.

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DDC Shopian reviews progress under District Capex Budget

SHOPIAN, AUGUST 29: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya today convened a meeting of officers of different departments to review the status and progress of developmental works taken under District Capex, Budget 2022-23 including Aspirational Block Plan.

On the occasion, threadbare discussions were held on various aspects related to expeditious execution of developmental works under District Capex Budget 2022-23.

It was apprised that out of total 1663 approved works, 1602 have been allotted and 684 works stand completed till date.

The meeting reviewed status of tendering, allotments, bills drawn for the work done, claims of the approved works, Timeline for completion, Status of works of different departments, new works, Regular component of

works, Month wise book of expen-

here to the timeline of all works



diture, new projects of Health, Education, R&B, PDD, RDD and PHE sectors and PRI grants.

The DDC asked the officers to ad-

completion. Executing agencies were asked to ensure that the allotted works were completed within the given time frame.

Among others the meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Programme Officer, ICDS, Shopian; Assistant Commissioner Development, Chief Education Officer, District Statistics and Evaluation officer, District Treasury Officer, Executive Engineers from R&B, Jal Shakti, Irrigation, KPDCL, REW and PMGSY, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Block Development Officers, EO MC, District Manager NRLM and concerned. The DDC asked the officers to adhere to the timeline of all works completion. Executing agencies were asked to ensure that the allotted works were completed within the given time frame. Among others the meeting was attended by Chief Planning Officer, Programme Officer, ICDS, Shopian; Assistant Commissioner Development, Chief Education Officer, District Statistics and Evaluation officer, District Treasury Officer,

DC Kulgam visits cloudburst affected areas of Noorabad; listens to issues, grievances of people

Farooq Rather

KULGAM, AUGUST 29: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today visited cloudburst and hailstorm hit Tangmarg, Cheki Watoo and other areas of Noorabad to take first hand appraisal of the damages caused in the area.

During the visit, the DC along with the officers and locals conducted on-site inspection of various areas and sites and took stock of damages caused by cloudburst in Tangmarg, Cheki Watoo and other villages.

On the occasion, delegations of people from Tangmarg, Cheki Watoo and other areas apprised the DC about various issues and put forth their demands too. They also apprised the DC that the area suffered huge losses due to hailstorm and cloudburst. The DC



instructed the assessment teams to expedite the process of damage assessment within a day for immediate relief disbursement. Dr Bilal also approved Rs.50 lac for restoration and repairs of works and to meet developmental demands of the people raised during the visit. Later, the DC also visited village CS Rather where he met scores of delegations and listened to their demands, issues

and grievances for early redressal. All the issues and demands of the people were listened to patiently by the DC and he assured the people that all their demands with regard to power and drinking water will be resolved at an earliest.

After people raised demand for development of the rest of the road from CS Rather, the DC personally inspected the bottleneck impeding the development.

VC DDC, DDC Members Kaprin & Keller-I distribute 6 Motorized Tricycles among beneficiaries

SHOPIAN, AUGUST 29: The Vice Chairperson, DDC, Irfan Manhas; DDC Member Kaprin Mehmooda and DDC Member Keller-I, Choudhary Fazal Ul Din today distributed 6 motorised tricycles under DDC Grants among specially abled beneficiaries of the district during a distribution camp organized by District Social Welfare Office at District Administrative Complex, here.

On the occasion, the DDC Vice Chairman, and DDC members in presence of Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Shopian, Mushtaq Ahmad Simmani and District Social Welfare Officer, Showkat Ahmad handed over keys of motorized tricycles to the beneficiaries of the district. The distribution function was part of an initiative by the Department to achieve 100 percent saturation in distribution of motorized tricycles among the eligible beneficiaries. While interacting with media persons, VC DDC complimented the Social Welfare Department for organising the distribution camp for Specially Abled Persons.

PDP Nominates District President for Srinagar

Srinagar, August 29th: The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) has nominated Abdul Qayoom Bath as the district president for Srinagar District. This was disclosed by a party spokesperson in a statement issued here today.

Chairman DDC Budgam reviews functioning of RDD at Beerwah

BUDGAM, AUGUST 29: Chairman District Development Council (DDC) Budgam, Nazir Ahmad Khan today reviewed the functioning of the Rural Development Department at Block Beerwah. On the occasion, a detailed review of the functioning of the Rural Development Department was taken to know the progress of various works being undertaken under PRI, BDC and DDC grants. Block Development Officer Beerwah, Pir Shakeel Ahmad gave a detailed presentation about the status of various works particularly SBM—Gramin, construction of Compost Pits and Amrit Sarovar. Chairman DDC impressed upon all the officials to work in close coordination to achieve the required targets. He further added that all officials should improve their performances and ensure viable implementation of all schemes on the ground. Additional District Development Commissioner Budgam, Akramullah Tak; BDO Beerwah, Pir Shakeel Ahmad; AEE REW Beerwah Sajad Ahmad and all employees of RDD Block Beerwah were also present.

Bhung destruction drive held at Bijbehara

ANANTNAG, AUGUST 29: A bhung destruction drive was today held at Natipora Sangam area of Bijbehara by Excise Range South Kashmir along with the Revenue department. The joint team destroyed wild grown bhung on more than 20 kanals along river bund. ETO South Kashmir Range said that from the past few days a destruction drive is underway in the area. He said that Excise Range South Kashmir is committed to ensure the destruction of bhung .

Govt to allocate funds under CSS, UT CapEx for tribal welfare proportionate to their population: Chief Secretary

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 29: Chief Secretary, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta today chaired the meeting of State Executive Committee for Tribal Plan and UT Level Coordination Committee meeting for approval of a number of tribal development projects and initiatives apart from mandatory formulation of Tribal Sub-Plan in all sectors. He asked the departments to ensure 100% saturation under various schemes by covering all tribal families and ensure benefit reaches to the migratory population.

CS directed all the departments to formulate Tribal Sub-Plan out of their overall budget allocation in consul-

tation with Tribal Affairs Department and conduct regular outcome evaluations to ensure that gaps in welfare and development of tribal population are promptly redressed. This is first time that all departments in J&K will be formulating Tribal Sub-Plans. Departments will allocate specific funding for tribal villages under CSS, CapEx, NABARD, loan component and other special schemes.

It was decided that funds proportionate to tribal population in Jammu & Kashmir shall be earmarked specifically by all the departments and districts under both Centrally Sponsored Schemes and UT CapEx



for focused development in tribal villages. Special emphasis will be laid on beneficiary oriented schemes and welfare infrastructure with priority to road connectivity, power supply, drinking water, healthcare and education.

The SEC approved plan for

134 tribal villages to be developed under the Pradhan Mantri Aadi Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAAGY) as Model villages during current financial year for which Gap Funding of Rs 20 Lakh/ village will be released by tribal affairs departments while all other departments

will converge by allocating 43% of their Scheduled Tribe Component (STC) under Centrally Sponsored Scheme. District Planning and Monitoring Committee (DPMC) headed by DCs and Block Level Committees headed by Chairperson, Block Development Council will monitor implementation. DDC members will be special invitees in DPMC meeting. Tribal Research Institute has been assigned the task of capacity building and planning.

In another landmark initiative the UT LCC approved Rs 45.00 Cr grant for establishment of 4500 tribal Self-Help Groups to benefit 90,000 members of tribal families.

DC Bandipora visits flash flood hit far flung areas of Kudara, Sumlar, Chuntimulla



BANDIPORA, AUGUST 29: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed today visited flash flood hit areas of Kudara, Sumlar, Chuntimulla of Arin block to take on spot inspection of situation arising due to recent flash floods.

The DC was accompanied by DDC Member Arin, BDC, Tehsildar Bandipora, BDO, officers and officials of PMGSY, PHE and PRIs.

Enroute, the DC also met the public to listen to their issues and grievances. The locals raised various issues regarding road, water supply and other essen-

tials.

The DC directed Tehsildar for assessment of damage caused due to recent flash floods. He also directed concerned to take up fencing work wherever required to avoid erosion and flash floods.

He also assured the public that all issues related to PMGSY shall be resolved on priority.

Dr. Owais also urged the people not to encroach the roads, nallahs, and drains in their respective areas, as encroachment is the basic cause of these floods and water logging.

Director Agriculture visits Harwan area of Srinagar We are endeavouring to convert our farmer into an agri-preneur: Ch. Iqbal

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 29: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal today visited Harwan area of district Srinagar.

He on the occasion visited the farms of different progressive farmers and interacted with the farming community of the area.

While talking to the farmers, the Director highlighted the importance of integrated farming and said that future belongs to developed, vibrant, multi dimensional agriculture and allied sectors and integrated farming could help achieve this.

Iqbal said that the department is working on a strategy where farmers are educated to adopt an integrated approach for their farms so that they could get maximum benefit in terms of business and profit. He assured the farmers of every possible technical support from the department whenever and wherever they need it.

The Director said that they are working for the transformation of the farming sector and transformation does not mean increasing productivity, but socio-economic transformation and empowerment. "We are endeavouring to convert our farmer into an agri-preneur", he added.

Earlier, the Director visited cockscomb farms of a progressive farmer of Harwan. Talking to the concerned farmer, the Director said that they have already introduced J&K's agriculture crops and



commodities at national and international level and now are working on the value addition of different crops and this process is on.

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DC Kupwara holds introductory meeting with PRIs Says PRIs have a vital role in development of district

KUPWARA, AUGUST 29: District Administration Kupwara today organized two separate introductory meetings of DDC Members and BDC Chairpersons with Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray who has recently joined the District. In the first introductory meeting with DDC Members, DDC Chairman, Irfan Sultan Panditpori; Vice Chairman DDC, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir; Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray participated, besides, DDC Member Rajwar, Suliman Mir; DDC Member Reddi Chowkibal, Habibullah Beigh; DDC Member Kralpora, Advocate Masrat; DDC Member Ramhal, Advocate Ulfat; DDC Member Qadirabad, Ms. Tahira, DDC Member Mawar, Khurshid Ahmad and

DDC Member Nutnussa, Advocate Zahoor Ahmad.

The Chairman DDC welcomed the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara for taking over the charge of far flung district Kupwara. He also welcomed the Government decision for appointing a young IAS Officer as District head of the Kupwara district.

The Chairman gave brief introduction of the district and expressed hope that the administration and the Council will work together for the betterment and upliftment of the district. He also projected various issues before the Deputy Commissioner and stressed the need for gearing up the machinery to ensure completion of all ongoing developmental works.

The Vice Chairman

DDC in his welcome address that the district will touch new



also expressed his gratitude towards the Government for posting of IAS officer as Deputy Commissioner and hoped

heights under his guidance. He also projected various developmental issues with regard to road connectivity, water supply,

tourism and health sector.

The Deputy Commissioner Kupwara in his address also expressed his compliments towards the Chairman, VC and Council Members and assured full support from the administration. He said we (the Council and the Administration) are all team members and will make efforts together for the development and prosperity of the Kupwara district. He said Deputy Commissioner is always open for Members of the Council, anytime, anywhere and there is no need of any appointment or any formality. He said we all are public servants and working in different spheres of the administration. The Deputy Commissioner said that Council Members have got mandate from the public and the administration

is always available to give first priority to these elected Members adding that he has made it clear during the first introductory meeting of officers and also in public outreach programmes.

The Deputy Commissioner asked Council members to give details of three important works from their respective DDC constituencies so that they can be completed on priority basis.

He said Kupwara district has got land mark projects including Government Medical College at Handwara which will provide a revolution in the health scenario of the district.

The DDC Members also welcomed the Deputy Commissioner and gave their suggestions for the development of the district.

VC DDC Kupwara reviews progress of on-going developmental works

Dr Abdul Quyyoom

KUPWARA, AUGUST 29: Vice Chairman District Development Council (VC-DDC) Kupwara, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir today convened a meeting of concerned Sarpanchs, here today to review the progress of various Rural Development schemes including 14th F.C, MGNREGA, SBM, PMAY, B2V and other allied schemes in DDC Constituency Wavoor.

ACD Kupwara, Hilal Ahmad Mir; ACP



Kupwara, Shabir Ahmad; BDC Chairperson Wavoor, Mohd Rafiq Kataria

and BDO Wavoor were present at the occasion. On the occasion, the Sar-

panchs projected various issues of their respective panchayats before the Vice Chairman. The issues raised include repairment of solar lights, working of panchayat officials, allotment of works and release of pending payments. The Vice Chairman heard the issues of the Sarpanchs and assured that he will resolve their genuine issues. The Vice Chairman also issued directions to ACD and ACP for redressal of different issues of the PRIs.

DDC Chairperson Gandarbal inspects progress on Awanpati road; inspects functioning of HSS Hariganiwan

GANDERBAL, AUGUST 29: The District development Council (DDC) Chairperson Gandarbal, Nuzhat Ishfaq today took an extensive tour of various areas of Kangan Sub-Division to inspect ongoing projects.

During the visit, the DDC Chairperson visited Awanpati, Bajpathri, Hariganiwan and other areas. She inspected the progress of Awanpati Hariganiwan road being executed by PMGSY which was approved at the cost of around Rs 14 crore. On the occasion, the Executive Engineer PMGSY briefed her about the status of work progress on

the said road. She directed him to expedite the progress of work so that the project gets completed within the stipulated time frame.

Meanwhile, the locals raised several issues including land compensation in lieu of land that has come under the said road project and death of staff in PHC Hariganiwan.

Nuzhat Ishfaq assured them that the issues raised would be taken up with the concerned authorities for early redressal.

Meanwhile, the DDC chairperson visited Higher Secondary School Hariganiwan and inspected its functioning. She

was apprised about various issues there including construction of Boundary wall and main gate and staff deficiency.

The DDC Chairperson assured the locals that the issues raised will be discussed with the concerned department for their timely redressal.

Meanwhile, the DDC Chairperson also inaugurated the Tug of War at HSS Hariganiwan in which students of HSS participated.

SDM Kangan, Executive Engineer PMGSY, Tehsil-dar Kangan, Sarpanchs, Panchs and locals accompanied the DDC Chairperson during the visit. Mean-

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NHM J&K releases ranking of Public Health facilities on Hospital Management Information System (JK e Sahaj)

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 29: The Union Territory of J&K has started the implementation of Hospital Management Information System which is named as JK e-Sahaj (Electronic System for Automation of Hospital Administration J&K) in different types of facilities i.e. Tertiary care, District Hospitals, Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres and some New Type PHCs. In first phase of implementation 585 facilities have been covered under this initiative and will be further extended to other facilities in phased manner. JK E-Sahaj has been integrated with Rapid Assessment System (RAS) and 104 comprehensive call centre for outbound calling. In the category of Associated Hospitals of GMCs first rank has been clinched by GMC Anantnag followed by Govt. GB Pant Hospital Srinagar,

Govt. Lal Ded Hospital, Srinagar, GMC Rajouri, GMC Doda. The bottom 05 under the said category are GMC Baramulla, MCCH Anantnag, Chest Disease Hospital Jammu, Psychiatric Hospital Jammu and GMC Jammu. In the category of District Hospitals first rank has been clinched by DH Shopian followed by DH Pulwama, DH Poonch, Govt. Hospital Gandhi Nagar, Jammu & DH Handwara. The bottom 05 under said category are DH Kulgam, DH Budgam, DH Kishtwar, DH Bandipora and DH Samba.

In the category of Community Health Centres (CHCs), first rank has been clinched by CHC Pampore followed by CHC Tral, CHC Seer, CHC Akhnoor and Emergency Hospital Qazigund. The bottom 05 under said category are CHC Banihal, CHC Kremshore, CHC Chowki Choura, CHC Kot Bhalwal & CHC

Pakherpora. In the category of Primary Health Centres (PHCs), first rank has been clinched by UPHC S.R Gunj, UPHC Hazratbal, UPHC Batamalloo, PHC Dangiwaacha and UPHC SMHS Srinagar. The bottom 05 under said category are PHC Kathar, PHC Sawajian, UPHC Pantha Chowk, PHC Satriyan and PHC Sai. Hospital Ranking has been assigned for different categories of facilities i.e. Associated Hospitals of Govt. Medical Colleges, District Hospitals, CHCs and PHCs. The ranking has been done on the basis of registration uploaded on the portal of JK e-Sahaj from last 7 days on real time basis. The ranking of facilities after the fully acceptance and its implementation shall be held on the basis of Patient feedback Score as per the guidelines of Mera Asptaal App of National level.

CUK's Health Centre organises 'De-stressing and well-being camp'

Gandarbal, Aug 29: Central University of Kashmir (CUK), Health Centre in collaboration with Lupin limited organised a one day "De-stressing and well-being camp," for the faculty members, administrative staff, scholars and students at Green Campus here on Monday.

The camp was inaugurated by Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar in the presence of Finance Officer, Prof. Fayaz Ahmad Nikka.



Psychiatrists Dr. Junaid Nabi and Dr. Rehana, Clinical Dr. Aijaz Ahmad, Psychologist Ahmad pro-

vided consultation and counseling to the participants.

Medical Officer, Dr. Sheeba, Mr. Muzaffar (ABM) and Mr. Tariq (Medical Executive) from Lupin and other officials from Health Centre were also present on the occasion. Medical Officer, Dr. Sheeba, Mr. Muzaffar (ABM) and Mr. Tariq (Medical Executive) from Lupin and other officials from Health Centre were also present on the occasion.

Three days training programme on maternal, child care commences for Doctors, Staff Nurses of UTs of J&K, Ladakh commences

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 29: Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) in collaboration with National Health Mission, J&K and Norway India Partnership initiative today organised three days training programme for Paediatricians, Medical Officers and Staff Nurses of all Districts of UTs of J&K and Ladakh here. The training programme is being carried by NHM, J&K with an aim to provide better Maternal and Child Health Care services. Mission Director, NHM, J&K, Yasin M. Choudhary was chief guest on the occasion and Dr. Ifthakhar Ahmed Chowdhary, Mission Director NHM, UT of Ladakh was guest of Honour. Speaking on the occasion, Yasin Choudhary said that Jammu and Kashmir has seen a remarkable improvement in the number of indicators related to child health care in recent years. As per recently released SRS 2020 data, Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has decreased in the UT by 3 points from 20 to 17 per 1000 live births, he added. The MD further said that neonatal survival is one of the highest priorities of Govt. Of India and under NHM, Facility Based New-born Care Network (SNCUs/ NBSUs and NBCC) have been set up for providing newborn services at various levels. Notably, New-born Stabilization Units (NBSU)

are an important part of the facility based new-born care but these units continue to remain underutilized due to poor skills of healthcare providers working in these units. As part of the strategy to revitalize these units, a new "NBSU Training Package" for both doctors and nurses has been developed by the Child Health Division, MoHFW, GoI with technical support from the Norway India Partnership Initiative (NIP) and other technical experts, with an aim to empower the health care providers with essential knowledge and skills for optimal management of any new-born presenting at NBSU thereby improving health status of new-borns. Expert trainers from various parts of the country have been deputed by MoH&FW to impart the training to participants from Govt. Medical Colleges and District Health Societies for specialized training in treatment and stabilization of Sick New-born to further reduce the neonatal and infant Mortality Rate (IMR) in the UT. Through this training package, a large number of babies will receive quality care at the sub-district level thus preventing referral and overburdening of district level facilities, resulting in improvement of neonatal survival to a great extent.

SSP Gandarbal flags off group of students for Bharat Darshan Tour-2022

As a part of Civic Action Programme, Police in Gandarbal flagged off a group of students of district Gandarbal for a week long Bharat Darshan Tour-2022. The tour is organized by Police and all boarding and lodging facilities including to and fro air tickets are being provided by Police.

An impressive flag-off ceremony was organized at DPL Gandarbal in which SSP Gandarbal Shri Nikhil Borkar-IPS along with ASP Gandarbal, DySP DAR Gandarbal and other senior officers participated. SSP Gandarbal while interacting with the touring students belonging to different parts of the District said that, Bharat Darshan tour is primarily aimed at providing opportunity to the youth to understand the togetherness of India. He advised them to avail the opportunity to enrich their knowledge by visiting historical places and marvels of the country and said that it is an effort of J&K Police to expose youth to exciting tourist spots of the country, historical places and other famous workplaces, industrial units etc. He also advised the touring students to imbibe in them greatness of the country and take full advantage of the opportunity and collect memories for life during the tour, besides wished them a fun-filled, safe and life changing tour.

During the tour, the students will visit the cities of New Delhi and Kolkata. The students will have a city tour including visits to different historical sites, monuments and parks. AC Hotels and AC



coaches will be provided to the touring students for accommodation and sightseeing. All the students have also been given a kit that contains a customized tracksuit, a T-shirt, a pair of shoes, a cap and a carry bag. The group will be assisted by a guide who would be highlighting the significance of the historical spots and their importance to make the trip educational and informative as well. Parents and touring students applauded the efforts made by Police for such an mesmerizing initiative and thanked Police for providing them an opportunity to visit the popular cities of the country.

DC Kupwara interacts with Traders Association, Civil Society members

Dr Abdul Quyyoom

KUPWARA, AUGUST 29: Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Doifode Sagar Dattatray today chaired an interactive meeting with Traders Association and Civil Society Members of Kupwara and Handwara. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner interacted with the members one by one and heard their issues of concern.

Speaking at the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that District Administration Kupwara is aware of the developmental issues and is committed to address all the issues in a time bound manner. He sought cooperation from the Civil Society and the Traders Association for the well being of the district.

On the demand of the members from different areas, the Deputy Commissioner directed ACP Kupwara for establishment of Toilet Blocks in major towns of Kupwara district. The EO Municipal Committee Kupwara was directed to ensure proper disposal of solid waste in the town. Among others, JD Planning, EO Municipal Committee Handwara, AD Planning, Presidents of Traders Federation Kupwara/ Handwara and other concerned attended the meeting.

Bivoltine Cocoon rearing in J&K can bring substantial increase in farmers income: Dulloo

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 29: Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo today stated that Bivoltine Silk is the most demanding in the Indian Silk Industry and there is a huge gap between production and requirements.

Dulloo said this while chairing a meeting to review the functioning of Sericulture Development Department here at Civil Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by Shabnam Kamili, Secretary in Agriculture Production Department, Manzoor Ahmad Qadiri, Director Sericulture J&K and other officers of the Department.

The ACS remarked that J&K is having

enormous potential for Bivoltine Silk Production due to congenial climatic conditions and can play an important role to meet the requirements of power loom sector in the coming years.

The meeting was briefed by Director Sericulture about the various activities of the Department viz-a-viz focus areas and Schemes/ programs to be implemented for increasing the Bivoltine Cocoon Production and Productivity in the coming years.

He was also informed about the various issues strategies being adopted to realize the envisaged vision of the Department. The ACS directed for adopting multi-pronged strategy with action plans for

each sub sector focusing on identification of potential areas and use of cluster approach through SHG/SRLM societies for providing additional income generating sources. At the same time use of technological interventions in the form of e-marketing platforms for cocoon growers and establishment of more Reeling Units under ODOP needs to be taken on priority.

Dulloo also suggested for full revival of Silk factories of JKI (Silk Filatures) by Industries Department to promote silken products particularly the Sarees, Stoles which are the most demanding items of women folks all around the country.

Rajouri Admin finalises District Skill Development plan for FY- 2022-23

RAJOURI, AUGUST 29: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting of the concerned officers regarding finalization of District Skill Development plan for the financial year 2022-23 in the district.

Officers present in the meeting included CPO, Mohammad Khurshid; GM DIC, Ashwini Sharma; ACP, Abdul Rashid Kohli; CAO, Sohan Singh; LDM, Jyoti Prakash Sharma and other concerned officers. During the meeting, it was in-

formed that scores of new courses have been proposed in the plan this year to meet the aspirations of the unemployed youth. Inquiring about the courses being run under NSQF framework, it was apprised that although the district trains around 10303 youth yearly, most of these courses being run are on non-NSQF framework. Only around 1500 candidates are trained yearly in NSQF aligned courses.

Stressing on upskilling of the youth, the DDC asked the concerned officers to explore new modalities to hone the ability.

HEADLINES TODAY**EDITORIAL****Industrial policy and employment opportunities**

Though the new policy is yet to show its dividends, the authorities are of the opinion that it will give a boost to the industrial sector and subsequently to the economy besides generating employment. They assert that the policy is aimed at creating a conducive ecosystem for industry, which attracts investments in focused sectors leading to sustainable, equitable, and balanced industrial development. This will help create employment opportunities for the youth, income generation, and overall development of the region. The policy intends to provide a regulatory environment within a supportive framework of ease of doing business. As per concerned authorities, since the inception of the policy, they have received around 2500 applications for allotment of land at different estates in Kashmir Division. These applications are with proposed investment of around Rs. 15000 core, and employment generation of approximately 50,000 people. In this regard, the land appraisal and the allotment process is going on. The eligible units under manufacturing and service sector will be granted incentives under New Central Sector Scheme for Industrial Development of Jammu and Kashmir. However, the industrialists (owners of existing industrial units) claim that there is nothing in this new policy for the existing industry; rather it is meant for the new investments and industrial ventures. They claim that the existing industries are in grave distress as 85% of the existing industrial units in the Valley might be closed down if the effective masseurs are not taken by the government. They have been asking the government for inclusion of existing industrial units into the recently-launched Rs 28,400-crore central industrial scheme. They question that if the government is not able to take care of the distressed existing industry, how can a prospective entrepreneur or a prospective industrialist trust the newly announced policy? All the existing industrial units are the outcome of the earlier policies. Though the new policy was welcomed by would-be entrepreneurs, steps need to be taken to make it promising for the existing unit holders. The government can't afford to only encourage those who want to venture into the industrial sector but allow the existing industries to collapse. The industrialists have been approaching all forums of the government from Srinagar to New Delhi. They need to be listened to and the government should come forward for their hand-holding. Industries here have been grappling with not much industry-friendly atmosphere in terms of difficult terrain with no proper connectivity.

**ABID HUSSAIN RATHER**

In the contemporary world, two different ideologies have emerged in human civilizations- the secular ideology and the (Islamic) religious ideology. Secular ideology is purely based on human reasoning which separates religion from political, economic, social and cultural aspects of life; religion being treated as a purely personal matter while as religious ideology has its basis in religious scriptures; span-new and unaltered by human thoughts, propagated by various prophets of Almighty in different periods of time and lastly by Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) (as the various prophets came with the same message/purpose but with different prescribed rules and regulations/prophethood) and it finds the solution to various issues related to various aspects of life (like social, political, economic and cultural) through prescribed religious laws and principles. Presently secular ideology is counting its last days as it has turned out to be a disillusioned, depauperized and dejected ideology due to its incompetence and unfitness in solving all the problems faced by

human beings. Contrarily different clues lead us to the conclusion that religious ideology is emerging as a new dawn and enlightening the human lives like a morning rising sun brightens the whole world. After tremendous modern materialistic prosperity, various secular thinkers were of the opinion that in the near future there will be the most beautiful (or we can say the best version of) world on our planet earth about which human beings have been dreaming about from thousands of years. In one of the classical books of secular ideology 'Future Shock' written by Alvin Toffler in 1970, which became the best seller book after its publication, the author has implicitly predicted that world is rapidly going to enter into super industrial stage from industrial stage with materialistic progress and it will be the zenith of human civilization where human beings will be able to fulfill all their materialistic desires. But unfortunately the beginning of twenty-first century has put an end to all such speculations and disapproved such kind of predictions. Our planet is witnessing the harsh calamities of global warming and environmental pollution due to industrial activities which have made earth almost inhabitable. After extensive research, climatologists of the world have reached to the conclusion that the climatic change on earth has reached to such a disastrous stage where it is almost irreversible. In scientific terms, these are the clues and predictions of Doomsday or

catastrophic destruction of planet earth. In one of its issues published on 28th May, 2020, famous Indian newspaper Hindustan Times published a detailed report on global warming entitled as 'Doomsday Not Far' which reads as 'the world is facing its worst time in the past 650,000 years. Greenhouse gas emissions are melting glaciers faster, raising the sea level and making summers hotter and winters cooler.' Quoting the words of the then UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon, the report further reads as 'these scenes are as frightening as science fiction movie... But they are even more terrifying, because they are real.' Facts from this detailed report vividly indicate that the present world climatic scenario clearly rejects the secular ideology and gives clues about the more authentication and affirmation to religious ideology. The imperfection in different worldly means/ motives or resources indicate that they haven't been bestowed upon human beings as rewards but to test them. Had they been bestowed as rewards upon human beings, they would have been perfect in their existence; but the reality is different and these means/ motives or resources are imperfect and have been conferred to testify and prepare human beings for the next world (hereafter). Their imperfection gives clue about the authenticity of religious ideology and implies that the present world is temporary and the world hereafter is the perfect and consistent version of the present world. Another aspect of

this argument is that various secular philosophers and thinkers are dreaming about creation of a fair Utopian society based on justice since thousands of years, but they have miserably failed in creating such a society. Instead of this anarchy, corruption and exploitation have strengthened their roots and engulfed the whole world. Accordingly, in the modern world achieving the dream of Utopian society seems impossible. Though human conscience will always aspire for such a fair society but practically it has now become impossible to create such a society due to the deterioration of human values and materialistic greed of people. Our world has deteriorated to such a low level where we can't expect justice from our judiciary system. We can't expect punishment for culprits and reward for honest people, rather we are witnessing inverse phenomenas. Instead of strict judiciary laws we are witnessing injustice everywhere. All these clues endorse the religious ideology and indicates that punishing the culprits and prevailing justice ideally is impossible in the present limited/imperfect world. We need another perfect and ideal world where these principles can be applied immaculately and flawlessly. We need another world which must be different from our current world to fulfill the long pending repressed demand of our conscience for upholding and prevailing justice everywhere. A world where Almighty will judge the good and bad deeds of every individual

and reward them fairly according to their deeds. These arguments affirm the religious ideology and allude that we have to face the day of judgement after our death in the hereafter world where there is full and complete possibility of a fair society through the power of Almighty which is impossible in the present world through human efforts. Religious ideology confirms two periods of human life - before and after death. Construction of a perfect and fair world is impossible for human beings before their death due to their limitations. Such a perfect and fair world, which would be unlimited in time and space perspective, is possible only after the death of all human beings. Because of the limited cognitive ability of human beings, we can't imagine perfectly about that world but our cognition doesn't allow us to doubt about that future world because that world is in making and subconsciously desired by all human beings where every individual will be rewarded and punished according to his deeds in the present world. Sooner or longer we all are going to witness that perfect hereafter world where justice will prevail everywhere. So instead of preferring the present world, we should prepare ourselves for the life hereafter which is better and more enduring as Almighty has aptly said in Al Qur'an,

But you prefer the worldly life, while the hereafter is better and more enduring. (Al Qur'an 87:16-17) (The author can be reached at rather1294@gmail.com)

INDIAN 'RUPAY' AND RUSSIAN 'MIR' LOOK FOR NEW OPPORTUNITIES TOGETHER**NANTOO BANERJEE**

It is good to know that Russia and India are in an advanced stage of discussion on accepting each other's debit and credit cards. Should the two countries agree, Indian ATMs (automated teller machines) will soon accept Russian MIR cards. And, Indian RuPay cards will be accepted in Russia. Further, the two countries are considering the mutual implementation of interbank transfer services — India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and SPFS, the Russian version of SWIFT. India's acceptance of MIR cards will provide a big boost to the five-year-old Russian electronic fund transfer system at a time when the country is facing wide-ranging financial sanctions from western countries and Japan.

Until now, MIR is accepted in 11 countries, comprising mostly central Asian republics (members of the former USSR). The recent partners include Turkey, Venezuela and Cuba. Iran may also recognise MIR. Russian banks have been banned from the SWIFT system globally as a result of the western and Japanese financial sanctions on Russia. MIR may be introduced in the near future in many countries which Russians often choose to visit for recreation. More than 15 countries have already expressed their

willingness to accept MIR, including such popular tourist destinations as Egypt, the UAE and Thailand. India's Goa is also very popular among Russian tourists.

India has been slow in marketing RuPay in other countries. Only four countries — the United Arab Emirates, Bhutan, Singapore and Nepal — use India's 10-year-old RuPay card system. Introduction of RuPay cards in Russia will sharply enhance India's financial connectivity in a world dominated by American cards such as Best Buy, Apple Card, Mastercard, Visa, Chase Sapphire Preferred and Chase Freedom Unlimited. Globally, the most popular credit card company is Chase. Visa has a strong credit card network, with 353 million cards in circulation as against Mastercard's 319 million. The Reserve Bank of India's monthly bulletin for July, last, said there were 76 million credit cards in circulation in the country in May, compared with 923 million debit cards. And, the next month onward millions will be able to buy whatever they've set their hearts on and pay through RuPay linked to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). As of April 1, this year, the number of MIR-compliant cards in circulation exceeded 125 million.

Further, India and Russia are considering the mutual implementation of interbank



transfer services — UPI and SPFS. SWIFT stands for the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications. SWIFT is a member-owned cooperative that provides safe and secure financial transactions for its members. The System for Transfer of Financial Messages (SPFS) developed by the Central Bank of Russia is a counter measure of the SWIFT system. About 70 foreign financial organisations from 12 countries have already joined Russia's domestic alternative to the SWIFT financial messaging system. Russia is trying to help its financial sector adapt to unprecedented Western sanctions followed by removal from SWIFT.

However, the Russian system lacks the easy international connectivity and operates only during weekday working hours, while SWIFT operates round-the-year, 24 hours a day. SPFS messages also have size limits that make it difficult to handle more complex

transactions. Russia has been preparing for a SWIFT ban since 2014 after the invasion of Crimea. In April 2014, a number of Russian banks were blacklisted by the US. Both Visa and MasterCard suspended the targeted banks' services and blocked them from using their payment systems. The very next month (May) the Russian government passed a new law introducing the National Payment Card System, later known as MIR. India has been considering the use of rupee-ruble denominated payments using Russia's messaging system SPFS to pay for arms, oil, fertiliser and other imports from the sanctions-hit country. The prospect of reciprocal use of RuPay and MIR will hopefully lead to higher levels of trade and tourism between the two countries.

Russia is also trying to rope in all the member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to join its SPFS. According to the country's Economic

Development Minister Maxim Reshetnikov, Russia wants to boost the volume of settlements in national currencies. "In order to ensure uninterrupted cooperation between our banks, we suggest that members of the organisation join the Russian financial messaging system," Reshetnikov recently said in his video address to participants at the SCO forum in Uzbekistan.

He said the SCO countries need to continue to promote full compatibility of national payment systems and boost the volume of mutual settlements in national currencies. "We already see positive results, for example, a quarter of the trade turnover between Russia and China is settled in Rubles and Yuan," Reshetnikov said. China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan are SCO's member states while its partners and associates include Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran, Mongolia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Nepal, Turkey and Sri Lanka. The organisation's work focuses mainly on security issues, but it also deals with regional development tasks. Russia has been actively promoting its SPFS ever since it was cut off from SWIFT.

On India's part, RuPay cards need to be marketed more aggressively in countries having a good Indian presence and those preferred

by Indian students, tourists and trading communities. Despite the Covid pandemic, more than seven million Indian nationals departed on outbound travels from the country in 2020. According to the UN World Tourism Organisation (WTO), this number is dramatically set to increase to 50 million in the current year. In the first three months of 2022, over 133,000 students left India for academic pursuits. In 2020, nearly 260,000 Indian students studied abroad. The number was 444,553, last year.

The size of the Indian Community in the Russian Federation is estimated at only around 14,000. According to India's ministry of external affairs, there are 32 million NRIs and OCIs residing outside India and overseas Indians comprise the world's largest overseas diaspora. Every year 2.5 million Indians migrate overseas, which is the highest annual number of migrants in the world. In 2021-22, India's total inward remittances stood at US\$85.6 billion, the largest recorded by any country. Under such a scenario, India should seriously try to ensure that RuPay finds a much bigger market and acceptance in several parts of the world having a good presence of Indians and their preferred educational and tourist destinations.

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DEMOLITION OF TWIN TOWERS IN NOIDA IS A HEIGHT OF CORRUPTION IN NEW INDIA**SUSHIL KUTTY**

"TOWERS of corruption demolished", the shrill voice rising above the plumes of billowing dust. Somebody called it "spectacle demolition", no less symbolic than the 1992 demolition of a 500-year-old mosque. The voice had its roots in Uttar Pradesh. The Supertech Twin Towers of corruption were brought down at the Supreme Court's intervention.

If the top court hadn't stood with the residents, corruption would have had a free run. That said, the apex court doesn't always notice corruption. Graft has to be pointed out to the top court. But for the persistent citizens, the corrupt builders of the Twin Towers would have gotten away, and made a clean getaway with nobody the wiser.

Our "Pyara Desh Hindustan" stands on four tottering pillars of corruption. Corruption is like a living organism in India's innards, and a festering wound on the outward. The demolition of the Super-

tech Twin Towers brought to an end a decade-old battle between 'Supertech' and residents of the towers ringing the Twin Towers.

The residents had gone to court protesting the rise of the Twin Towers from an expanse of green patch that they said belonged to the "community". This was a case of citizen-activism. The top court just happened to be there to facilitate. Left to the bureaucrats and the politicians, with the police thrown in for good measure, the Twin Towers would still be rubbernecking with taunting contempt.

The Supreme Court wasn't doing any favours to anybody. This is a second time so-called "towers of corruption" have been brought down. An earlier instance was in Kochi, Kerala—the so-called 100 per cent literate state. Corruption is no stranger to 'God's Own Country', the name given to Kerala by a brand-guru.

The brand stuck and Malayalis took it to heart, for real! The Kochi tower, demolished by the same artists who did the Noida Supertech

in, has become a movie, which was released recently to lousy reviews. If anything, the press reports of the demolition were by far more exciting.

The Kochi tower movie flopped. And it is unlikely 'Supertech' will ever be filmed to hit multiple screens worldwide. The real story is, there is no escaping corruption in India even with escapist films. After Narendra Modi came to power, corruption has been brushed under the carpet.

Even as corruption continues to go around under multiple names. The corruption of the class III and class IV government babus, in the name of the British-Raj era 'bakshish', continues unabated in the bureaucratic corridors of corruption. 'Dens of corruption' was an 'older' construct.

Narendra Modi rode 2G horse-power to become Prime Minister of India. That was the last we heard of the '2G Ghotala'. Signed affidavits to the Election Commission had shown how much BJP MPs, who

contested a second time in 2019, had risen in wealth.

Every single BJP Member of Parliament made manna from heaven in the first five years. How? The only Indians who made more (by far more) were the 'lakhpatis' who became 'crorepatris', and the 'crorepatis' who joined the tribe of the 'arabpatris'. However, nobody can point a finger at the billionaires who are so-conveniently Modi-friendly.

And, there is nothing to show that India's crony capitalists got to become billionaires, courtesy corruption. But then, what is crony capitalism, if it is not a form of corruption? Doesn't facilitating relatives and friends to get rich overnight amount to corruption? Doesn't crony capitalism amount to playing dirty?

The two-time Narendra Modi regime has turned crony capitalism into an art, the science of which is never spoken about. The Tatas made everything, from 'pins' to 'powerhouse', but the current crop of billionaires is invested in owning

media, and making movies, too. In Spectrum, and in smartphones.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal rode to power riding Anna Hazare's 'India Against Corruption'. Today, a decade later, Kejriwal's AAP ministers are battling anti-incumbency less than they are fighting charges of corruption.

Whatever happened to 'IAC'? Whether it's the BJP or the Aam Aadmi Party, it was the corruption issue that brought them to power, and pelf. Arvind Kejriwal is eight years after facing Modi in a Lok Sabha contest, challenging Modi to a repeat contest in the 2024 Lok Sabha general elections.

The Congress, which lost its pre-eminence in the eight years since 2014, is free of corruption charges because it's not in power! Corruption eludes power when power slips out. To the Congress party's eternal shame, it's not in the league of corrupt because it lost power! Like the Supertech Twin Towers, which no longer counts as it no longer exists

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Bringing Change in the ways of Reading



VIJAY GARG

Many students often complain that even if they study for 10-11 hours a day, they still get nothing. What we read, we forget. There, some students get in the merit list even after studying for 7-8 hours or less. If you are also among these complaining students, then there is a need to change your reading and writing methods. Get into the habit of making presentations after reading. When you start to understand after reading any text well that now You will easily solve the question asked from it, so don't leave

this work for later. On the same day, make your own copy or a Power Point presentation of the entire text on the computer. You can also take the help of family members in this work. Then repeat them after two-four days and assess your ability to do it in detail. In this way, you will be able to remember the text in the right way. Benefits of reading and writing Sometimes we think after reading things that we have forgotten but that's not the case! doesn't happen. It is not possible to remember things for long by just reading. It would be better to get into the habit of writing what you have read in your own language on your copy after a day or two. It has three advantages. First, the subject is practiced. The second is that your notes are prepared, which is different from book language. Third, try to understand the topic as a place



to memorize while reading because you have to write it. Read different books on the same subject Get a firm grip on a subject and master it well To understand, it is not enough to read only the books of the same sub-

ject, but one should also read other books besides that subject. Get information about the related topic from Google and then make your notes. On reading from different places, one gets more information about the subject and also keeps on practicing. This also strengthens your grip on the subject. Your notes also become different from other students. In this way, in the eyes of the examiner, you will look different from other students. Make sticky notes Some special things like this There are, which we often forget. It can be anything. It becomes difficult for some to remember an important date written in history and for some it is disturbing to remember the formulas of physics, chemistry and mathematics. Make sticky notes for such things and stick them on the wall in front of your study table. Seeing them sometimes will

make it easier to remember. Use of skills If you have the ability to do something creative and often draw with your pencil, then use this art of yours. Study and write. What you have read during the day, in the evening make its main points like a comic strip. This can get you ready to use power points along with practice. Keep a pocket diary Sometimes after your studies or before when you go to school-college or somewhere else, a new way related to the subject comes in your mind or by looking at a newspaper-magazine, listening to others' words. Information is available. Get into the habit of noting these things down in your pocket diary immediately. This method has proven to be extremely useful. Information on the method is not available frequently.

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INDIA-NEPAL RELATIONS GET A JOLT OVER AGNEEPATH RECRUITMENT OF GORKHAS

ASHIS BISWAS

With Nepal disallowing the Indian Army's proposal to recruit Gorkhas to join its new Agneepath scheme, India's uneasy relations with its regional neighbours have surfaced again. Under the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party, often perceived as being 'right wing', India cannot apparently avoid its diplomatic missteps in dealing with its smaller neighbours.

The BJP's troubles do not begin or end with Pakistan in South Asia. Even friendly Bangladesh complains of being shortchanged by Delhi on the Teesta river water sharing issue. As for Nepal, nagging problems with India have been plaguing bilateral ties since 2015, a year after the first BJP-led NDA Government assumed power in 2014.

Somehow, the BJP led Government is perceived to be throwing its weight around while addressing sensitive regional issues, often unfairly. Bitter feelings in Kathmandu persist about the unfortunate

economic blockade, the post 2015 earthquake relief operations, the status of Lipulekh and adjacent areas. Kathmandu's present reservations about Nepali youths being recruited for the controversial Agneepath scheme is another unfortunate addition to the series of setbacks that do not seem to end.

While Indian foreign minister S. Jaishankar has made a decisive impact as a consummate statesman in the international arena, India seems to be faring much worse diplomatically in its own backyard. Delhi policymakers must work harder to counter the general perception of the NDA government as being insensitive to regional sensibilities.

Nepal has just politely rejected India's offer to recruit Gorkha youths to join its controversial Agneepath scheme. Under the scheme, youths need to undergo military training for four years before 75% of them will be discharged, receiving one time severance pay. There are no post-training benefits/guarantees like pensions, allowances etc..

The scheme has been widely

condemned by the opposition parties and human rights groups in India. They see in it a clever move to engage the bravest of unemployed youth to expose them to great physical risks, but -- in true corporate style -- not caring minimally about their future. There have been angry protests and high octane media outrage against the idea..

GOI has announced there will be no roll back. Recruitment has begun. Indian authorities did not convincingly address the main opposition argument backed by Defence analysts: what happens to the discharged 75% of militarily trained youths who will swell the overcrowded ranks of the jobless? It does not require rocket scientists to figure out that such youths may be more prone to resort to mindless violence if their frustrations are not addressed--- at what cost to the larger society?

However, with fewer than expected number of youths applying to join, it is doubtful whether the ambitious target of enrolling 46,000 youths will be met.

The NDA government may

have felt it was doing Kathmandu a favour by inviting Nepali youths/Gorkhas known for their fighting fervour, to join Agneepath. Not without reason -- Nepal is passing through some really hard times. Its troubles began from the massive 7.9 magnitude earthquake, continued through successive waves of covid 19 pandemic, culminating in a disastrous slump in tourism -- the country's biggest revenue earner.

As the worldwide economic downturn continues, Nepal has now been hit by landslides and devastating floods. Unemployment is rife. Prices of fuel have shot up dramatically post Ukraine war. The Sher Bahadur Deuba Government finds it difficult to make ends meet.

Even so, Nepal authorities have ordered a postponement of the proposed recruitment. Nepalese Foreign Minister Mr Narayan Khadka informed the Indian Ambassador Mr Naveen Srivastava that there must be wider consultations among local political parties and others to ensure a unanimous decision on joining Agneepath.

Nepalese media reports sug-

gested that the generally negative reactions and protests in India against the scheme had been taken note of in Kathmandu. The long term social impact of the scheme had not been addressed, it is pointed out.

Analysts also noted that in its present form, Agneepath would violate the terms of the 1947 agreement worked out among the UK, India and Nepal. Its provisions had ensured that Gorkhas could join the Indian army with full benefits at all levels with Indian soldiers including pensions. There are no such guarantees in Agneepath.

Further, Nepal was not really consulted before Delhi made its offer. True, the Indian army had sought Kathmandu's official response to the proposal to include Nepali youths in the training programme. But Kathmandu was yet to send a formal reply before GOI announced the launch of its drive recently.

Perhaps Indian authorities felt that there would be a three-fold gain for India in securing Nepali participation for the scheme : (a) job opportunities for unemployed Nepali youth would please Nepal; (b) the

participation of Gorkhas among Indian armed forces would strengthen India's defence , if it became necessary to confront Chinese soldiers again in Doklam and other areas in the high Himalayas; and (c) Nepalis joining Agneepath would help blunt the negative campaign of the Indian opposition parties and HR groups against the scheme.

In sum, the record of bilateral diplomacy between Nepal and India has been none too positive since 2015. Extremist Hindu opinion within the BJP was agitated over the changes made in the Nepalese constitution, shedding Nepal's status as the world's only 'Hindu' country. Violent protests were held by Madhesias (people of Indian origin) in parts of Nepal, tacitly endorsed by Delhi-based Hindu hardliners. The Modi Government suspected Kathmandu of moving closer to China. The communication gap between the governments of India and Nepal continues and now Agneepath issue has been another discomfiture.

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A definite death: Drugs and the primordial fear of the parents!

M S NAZKI

I'm not afraid of death; I just don't want to be there when it happens. These words the kid about whom this story is always told by his mother! But at the age of 27 he was going to be history he never knew!

'One mother in Satrayian (RS Pura knew that her son was going to die! Why she knew because he was an addict of the substance called 'White' (Chitta/Heroin) But where she did not? Arvind (name changed) most favoured place was the cremation ground where he and his friends spent their evenings but that afternoon he arrived there alone and lifeless, dead to be cremated! None of his friends were there! The friends who used to sit with him at the cremation ground! This was the end of a drug addict!'

'Many know that their children have taken to drugs but are scared to come out with the truth and it is only on a blank death they rattle out names of those who were responsible for the tragedy!'

'When his girlfriend Tripti (name changed) dropped him off her shelf as he was a dead man already! Drinks and drugs are a lethal concoction and Arvind was dissolved in both! Death was a certainty but when and where no one knew!'

'Tripti later on married an army personal but she was a good friend of Arvind but the boy never listened to any of her advice! Arvind died but his friend does tell stories about him!'

'The drug spawning has to be uprooted from RS. Pura once and for all and by the way it can be done. I know it is a mountain to climb as far as the law agencies go, yet a productive effort has to be made which so far has never been the order of the day.'

'In fact this problem is in circulation everywhere in The UT! Practically speaking drugs are in circulation and the police knows that! The other day a massive cartel was caught but in RS Pura they circulate in a big way! At the moment a tub where drugs are available in

plenty! Nerve center would be a better word to talk about! When Tripti his girlfriend came and talked to me. I knew that she could not have been wrong! Arvind had decided to sleep on a bed off thorns! I could guess that!

The question is frequently asked: Why does a man become a drug addict? The answer is that he usually does not intend to become an addict. You don't wake up one morning and decide to be a drug addict. It takes at least three months' shooting twice a day to get any habit at all. And you don't really know what junk sickness is until you have had several habits. The questions, of course, could be asked: Why did you ever try narcotics? Why did you continue using it long enough to become an addict? You become a narcotics addict because you do not have strong motivations in the other direction. Junk wins by default. Kids try it as a matter of curiosity.

Some drift along taking shots when they could score and end up hooked. Most addicts did not start using drugs for any reason they can remember. They just drifted along until they got hooked. If you have never been addicted, you can have no clear idea what it means to need junk with the addict's special need. You don't decide to be an addict. One morning you wake up sick and you're an addict.

I have seen it happening in RS. Pura, Surankote, Mendhar Poonch Mandi Rajouri Jammu Srinager and many other places where new kids off their blocks have fallen to this stupor giving potions packed up in small paper wrappers invariably colored white that cost enormously high. Sometimes I wonder as to where the kids get the money?

But that is immaterial since the addicts do somehow manage to get the bucks for the drugs and the methodology could be an extreme one.

I'm from Satrayian. I was born and brought up here and I have seen the place steadily growing. Never in the wildest of imaginations could I have ever thought that Satrayian would spin on its head



like a top released out of the rope on a tiled floor. Development aspect was all fine but what came with it was muck and filth. The kids who loved playing in fields, climbing and jumping off small mud hills in the fields, taking off from a platform and jumping into the flowing canal can no longer be seen. 'These are some words that Tripti told me which once Arvind said! Words remain but an addict succumbs!'

They prefer lonesome places, blown apart houses by Pakistani shells in those days were landing, abandoned farm houses, bushes, cremation grounds to just take in drugs and close eyes to see the world of their imaginations. Often I have heard while eavesdropping the junk ridden kids talking to each other in the following lingo, 'I've done everything. All of it! You think it, I've done it. All the things you never dared, all the things you dream about, all the things you were curious about and then forgot because you knew you never would. I did them, I did them yesterday while you were still sitting besides me. What about you? When's it going to be your turn?' I knew as to what was one trying to tell the other and therefore concluded, 'another one goes into the dark alley which has no opening but a dead end!'

The parents know that their child has become an addict since in a small place like Satrayian news travels faster and by the time it reaches the person for whom it is meant for, the information is already mangled with make believe words. But that does not remove the basic element and invariably it is, 'your son is into junk'. At that matter of time the news is of little importance since the concern for the child takes over the entire system of the parents. The parents wait for their child to come home but when he lands up with a violent knock at the door, they perhaps stare at something unbelievable, 'blood shot eyes, moving head trying to keep itself still, hands stuck to the body frame and legs shivering, the face whitened and mouth mum and dry. By the way he happens to be the same child who was a flashy rock star for them only till yesterday.

The story of many households is similar where the kids have fallen prey to drugs and are carrying on with this voyage on oceans of fantasies. They do not want this voyage to end since it has only one end and that is the funeral pyre. By the way, most addicts know it. The love for parents has withered away with time and the only love affair that exists is with the drug peddlers

deployed by the drug mafia in RS. Pura. Honestly speaking there has been no worthwhile effort made by the police to cork the nexus up and hence the trade flourishes which has almost ruined a generation of kids. In a nutshell the state of affairs is really bad and the only group that is blowing big time trumpets are the men from the drug mafia in RS. Pura.

The mentality and behaviour of drug addicts and alcoholics is wholly irrational until you understand that they are completely powerless over their addiction and unless they have structured help, they have no hope. But this help and hope is nowhere to be seen in RS. Pura. The only hope on the horizon which the addicts carry is that they will get their requirement and for the mafia is not in a hope but a reality that they will get their customer and perhaps some new faces since they sell what the kids want and that is snuff. When this snuff will suck the life out of the addict is not known one thing is certain it surely will. The biggest of criminal activities in RS. Pura revolves around one center and that is 'Drugs on the move at a ferocious velocity'. Sadly speaking the police are doing nothing about it!

I must not fear. Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little-death that brings total obliteration. I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me. And when it has gone past I will turn the inner eye to see its path. Where the fear has gone there will be nothing. Only I will remain. That is what the addicts should be talking to themselves

This is what Arvind used to talk with his friends in the cremation ground! That was the last night of his life! His friends were with him but perhaps at midnight they all left! They saw the next morning but Arvind did not! He was found dead! The reason was over dose of drinks and drugs! He left many desolate, heart broken and in despair especially so his parents and sisters! Bad Idea but facts do not change so say no to drugs and drinks! One can do that!

BERNIE SANDERS IS RALLYING TO BUILD WORKING-CLASS POWER IN AMERICA

MINDY ISSER

While there are plenty of important primary elections happening now, and even bigger general elections happening in the fall, Senator Bernie Sanders's rallies in Philadelphia and Boston earlier this month were focused on something entirely different: the struggles of the working class and the importance of building the labor movement.

Sanders was joined at these events by Association of Flight Attendants president Sara Nelson and International Brotherhood of Teamsters president Sean O'Brien, just as he was in Chicago earlier this summer. Bernie's team called these rallies in Chicago, Boston, and Philadelphia "The Working Class: Fighting Back Against Corporate Greed."

Before the rallies, Sanders met with workers, activists, and local progressive elected officials. I was lucky enough to be part of the meeting in Philadelphia. He opened up our meeting by saying, "I don't want you to tell me what I want to hear, I want you to tell me what you are seeing and experiencing with your own eyes and your own lives. What is going on?"

People stood up and shared stories about how their massive student debt is holding them back, how they could barely continue to afford rent as costs rise and wages stay stagnant, the dismal conditions of our city's public schools and the school workers who earlier that day took a vote to strike if they don't get a fair contract, and the need for legislation like the PRO Act to help workers organize without employer interference.

I shared that while both my husband and I have good, union jobs, we still aren't quite sure how we'll be able to pay for childcare for our first child, who is due in the next month or so. Even though logically I understand that our country's childcare system is broken, I have still felt like a failure for not yet being able to "figure it out" on my own, and to balance our budget well enough to easily squeeze in an extra \$1,000-2,000 monthly payment. I am sure we'll end up being fine, or at least better-off than most, but I have felt very alone in this process. I've sometimes felt like there's something wrong with us, or we're bad with money, or we're just not deserving of what everyone else has.

But being in the room with so many other people sharing their problems -- drowning in student debt, fears about the conditions of our public school buildings, low wages, increasing rents -- reminded me that there isn't anything wrong with me if so many of us are trying our best and still struggling. It's one thing to know this logically, as I think many of us do, but it's another to understand it on an emotional level. Too often we don't share the things we're scared of or can't figure out on our own because there's so much individualism and shame in our society. We're meant to go at everything alone, believing that if we fail it's a reflection on us, not the larger systems.

But that's what makes Bernie Sanders so special: he brings regular working people together, breaks down the barriers between them, and identifies who is truly to blame: the rich and the ruling class. The point of these rallies wasn't to stump for the Democratic party or any particular candidate, but to gather working people together to, as he put it, "stand up, fight back, and grow the trade union movement."

At the rally, Sanders said to a crowd of over a thousand people, "We all have to stand up and say, 'I am a member of the working class, and I am not ashamed of that reality.'" In a country where we're all meant to imagine ourselves as temporarily embarrassed millionaires, it's a breath of fresh air to claim being working-class -- and to be proud of that fact.

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THOUGHTS



ER AIJAZ AHMAD

Patience is the flower that grows and never dies. She can be anything . A weak man's incubus and a strong man's craving.

Sometimes you disconnect relationship with the negative people, if they comes on the right track. Then you reconnect relationship again.

Liberty is the flower that grows and never dies. Wisdom is the flower that grows and never dies. When you are in sadness . Two things define you . Your patience , when you are facing difficulties in every side. How can you handle the situation, when you are feeling , every side is against me. Maintaining a relationship is like plucking a flower from a thorny bush.

Dear strugglers , do not give up. Religiously you had work hard . Faith yourself . Ignore the people, which are talking against you. Remain cool and calm on your track. You days are coming . When you can achieve success. They can shut their mouth.

Dowry is the virus, which has spread almost every side of our country.

Dowry is the curse, which has became the hindrance for the poor girls.

It is very tough , to understand that person . Who knows everything . But he is speaking nothing.

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BRIEFLY NEWS

14 years on, 'Rock On!!' director Abhishek Kapoor looks back at cult hit

The tube amps of 'Rock On!!' are warming up as the musical film celebrates its 14th anniversary on Monday. On the occasion, the film's director Abhishek Kapoor looked back at its journey.

The film was not just marked by director-actor Farhan Akhtar's acting debut and that of Prachi Desai, who was a television star back then, it also bagged the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Hindi at the 56th National Awards and the Best Supporting Actor award for Arjun Rampal.

Speaking about the movie, Abhishek Kapoor said, "It's the project that is closest to my heart, for many reasons. I knew the movie was not exactly mainstream but the kind of love it continues to receive even after all this time still amazes me."

In addition, the film starred Purab Kohli, Luke Kenny and Shahana Goswami in key roles. The music of the film has become timeless over its journey of almost a decade and half, songs like 'Rock On', 'Pichle Saat Dino Mein' and 'Tum Ho Toh' are still loved and cherished to this day.

The director also mentioned how the film has stood the test of time and continues to engage the audience after so many years, "Even after all these years, it has stayed relevant and it has built this cult following for itself that every director only dreams for their movies."

Diljit's 'Jogi' tells the story of a friendship that survives anti-Sikh riots

Diljit Dosanjh is set to turn the leaf to a dark chapter in independent India's dark history -- the riots of 1984 which followed after the assassination of the former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The first trailer of his streaming movie 'Jogi' was released at Films Day in Mumbai. The film has been directed by Ali Abbas Zafar, who has earlier directed the Salman Khan-starrer blockbuster 'Sultan'.

The 1984 anti-Sikh riots happened after Gandhi was gunned down by her own bodyguards Satwant Singh and Beant Singh in the aftermath of Operation Blue Star, an Indian military action carried out between June 1 and 8, 1984, to remove separatist leader Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale and his followers from the Golden Temple in Amritsar.

Joining the event virtually, Dosanjh said, "As an actor you want to grow with the character you play. Each role I play helps me grow from within." "Mera agar dil nahi maanta toh wo kirdaar main nibha nahi sakta (If it doesn't appeal to me, I can't portray that character with honesty). I have to be honestly connected to the character."

He added: "Jogi holds a special place in my heart and I say it with pride that this has been told on a global platform like Netflix which has huge reach and impact. I am forever thankful and grateful for all my fans who make me who I am and I wish they like me in and as Jogi."

'Jogi' unravels the story of a resilient friendship and courage in the times of adversity, set in Delhi in 1984. The film is a thrilling, emotional journey of the fighting spirit of three unified friends.

The film also stars Mohd. Zeeshan Ayyub in his third OTT project after he stirred a controversy with his Shiva look in the Prime Video show 'Tandav' and 'Bloody Brothers'.

In addition, the film will star Kumud Mishra, Hiten Tejwani and Amyra Dastur, and has been produced by Himanshu Kishan Mehra and Ali Abbas Zafar. 'Jogi' will premiere exclusively on Netflix on September 16, 2022.

Angad Hasija rewinds, recalls his days on 'Bidaai' as it's set for re-telecast

TV actor Angad Hasija got nostalgic as his first show 'Sapna Babul Ka ... Bidaai' was slotted for a re-run on TV, after it wrapped up in 2010, and shared his memories from the sets.

He says: "I can't put into words the amount of excitement I have to know that my show 'Sapna Babul Ka ... Bidaai' will now be coming again. This was my first show and holds a very special place in my heart as I've learnt a lot during the show and has given me much appreciation and love."

The entire story revolves around a father and his two daughters and focuses on various prejudices in the society pertaining to complexion.

Premiered on October 8, 2007, it features Parul Chauhan, Sara Khan, Angad Hasija and Kinshuk Mahajan as Ragini, Sadhana, Alok and Ranveer.

Angad adds: "I was given the chance to work with the wonderful cast and crew members with whom I share some great memories. I'm always grateful that the show has given me some wonderful memories to cherish for lifetime."

"Sapna Babul Ka ... Bidaai" will air on Star Bharat.

Kriti Sanon reveals how she first auditioned for 'SOTY'

Bollywood actress Kriti Sanon's first film audition was for the Karan Johar directorial 'Student Of The Year'.

The screen 'Mimi' has made the revelation during the 9th episode of the popular KJo-hosted chat show 'Koffee With Karan' in which she appeared alongside her debut film 'Heropanti' co-star Tiger Shroff.

In the new episode, the duo will be making viewers' hearts hopscotch with their confessions and never-before-heard 'conjectures', as KJo likes to call them.

Walking down the memory lane, Kriti shared: "This was right when I had started modelling. It was my career's very first film audition and I was asked to dance to 'Bahara' and some scenes from 'Wake Up Sid'. I was horrible back then."

She also mentioned that she was ill-prepared for the film and that she held no hard feelings toward the film's lead, Alia Bhatt, who eventually made her screen debut with the film alongside Sidharth Malhotra and Varun Dhawan.

New episodes of 'Koffee with Karan' Season 7 are available to stream on Disney+ Hotstar every Thursday at 12 midnight. For fans in the United States, 'Koffee with Karan' Season 7 will stream exclusively on Hulu.

What's it like to work with Akshay? Punjabi star Sargun Mehta's take on it

Actress Sargun Mehta, who has already established herself in the Punjabi film industry, will be seen in 'Cutputli' along with Akshay Kumar, Rakul Preet Singh, Chandrachur Singh.

Directed by Ranjit Tiwari, this will be Sargun's OTT debut. She opens about this and doing a Hindi project after a gap of seven years.

Sargun says: "I am very excited to start my OTT innings and doing something in Hindi after a long hiatus of seven years. There's a huge audience for thrillers which is why I wanted to do a different and strong character. I am hopeful about the final outcome and now waiting for the audience's reaction."

Throwing more light on the role she adds: "It is a very powerful role; I was really tense because I had to do scenes with Akshay. He already has a strong presence in my mind as I have been watching him for so long.

"There are times in the films that I have to overpower him in terms of telling him what to do and what not to do. I'd mentally prepared



myself to forget it's him and do my shot accordingly. I am playing a cop for the first time.

"People usually rehearse their roles or watch other's performances if the same role has been done earlier,

but I didn't do that because I wanted to do it the Sargun way."

What makes 'Cutputli' stand out as a murder mystery?

Sargun explains: "When I heard the script I myself

couldn't guess who the killer is and I feel this is how a good mystery works. You keep guessing and thinking about where this film is going to take you and later it took me to a completely new direction which I feel was quite impressive."

On what she learnt while working with Akshay, she said: "It was super amazing to meet him in person. The first day I met him I was too quiet so he used to tell me 'tu bolti nahi hai kya?' (Don't you speak?) And I was thinking, how am I supposed to tell him that I am so scared. I must say he makes his co-actors feel so comfortable and its very easy to work with him."

"Even on the sets while shooting he will make everything comfortable for you. He is very appreciative, always gives a free hand at improving.

"Also, one amazing thing about shooting with him is it's his habit that the whole team has to have dinner together so that the bond within the team is strong."

After 'Cutputli', her Punjabi film 'Moh' is releasing on September 16.

Inspired by Vyapam Scam, 'Shiksha Mandal' turns spotlight on wronged students

The trailer of the upcoming series 'Shiksha Mandal' was unveiled on Monday. It shows how a section of students has been forced into playing a part in a corrupted education system with no hope of standing up to the authorities.

The MX Player series, which seems inspired by the Vyapam Scam that rocked Madhya Pradesh not long ago, offers a glimpse of what's touted as India's biggest education scam.

The premise highlights exam scams fuelled by politicians in collaboration with educational institutions and how this further leads to mysterious disappearances and deaths of students.

Calling attention to these practices with its dangers, the trailer of 'Shiksha Mandal' promises to showcase the complications and unsolicited operations that have been a part of the fraudulent high-level exams.

Commenting on the occasion of trailer release, actor Gulshan Devaiah said in a statement: "Any scam related to education lands a heavy blow on aspiring candidates struggling hard to clear exams and is enough to break their morale.

"As an actor, I have tried to experiment with my roles, scripts and content I work on. 'Shiksha Mandal' is one such project. I'm glad that it came my way.

"Education is an important sector that is instrumen-



tal in empowering our today and shaping our tomorrow; thus, having been a teacher myself, being a part of this story and playing the part of a teacher made perfect sense to me.

"Teaching is the most noble of all professions and I truly believe in that ideal. As a team, we have given our best to make a show that's relevant, resonant and impactful to its viewers."

The series is inspired by true events and reveals corruption, fraud, cheating and criminal conspiracy that affect vulnerable students in India.

Directed by Syed Ahmad

Afzal, the series stars Gauhar Khan, Gulshan Devaiah, Pavan Raj Malhotra, Rajendra Sethi and Iram Badar Khan in pivotal roles.

Commenting on the series, Afzal said: "While Shiksha Mandal is a story inspired by true events, we've tried to ensure that the narrative is as gripping as it is realistic.

"It has an added advantage for us that we have talented actors like Gauhar, Gulshan, and Pavan sir, who have shown faith in the script and me! Our association with MX Player is strengthened with this show, and we hope to create

such hard-hitting stories together."

Pavan Raj Malhotra, who plays a powerful man in the series said: "I like to take up roles that make an impact on the audience, be it with laughter or a stirring thought.

"With 'Shiksha Mandal', we are deconstructing what goes in the corrupted educational circuit and the impact on the common people involved. And that is the kind of story I would like to be a part of."

All episodes of 'Shiksha Mandal' will be available to stream on OTT platform MX Player from September 15.

Punjab court stays release of Moosewala's song 'Jaandi Vaar'

A court in Punjab on Monday restrained the release of the song "Jaandi Vaar" of late Shubhdeep Singh Sidhu, popularly known as Sidhu Moosewala, along with a direction for taking down all promotional content and advertisements with respect to the song on all media platforms.

The order came after arguments at length before the district court of Mansa on the plea of the parents of Moosewala, who were successful in securing an ex-parte ad-interim order against Salim Sadraddin Moledina Merchant and Sulaiman Sadraddin Moledina Merchant, popularly known as Salim-Sulaiman.

The parents of Moosewala were represented by senior advocate Amit Jhanji, briefed by a team from Karanjawala & Co, lead by partners Samarjit Pattnaik and Meghna Mishra along with their teams.

The parents have instituted a suit for permanent injunction against Salim-Sulaiman and their company Merchant Records Pvt Ltd along with certain other entities and digital platforms.



The suit has been filed seeking restraint from the unauthorised proposed release of Moosewala's song "Jaandi Vaar" on various social media and online platforms on account of copyright infringement as well as illegal and unauthorised use of late Moosewala's name and image to generate

publicity.

The release was announced by Salim-Sulaiman on their YouTube and Instagram accounts. They had further announced sale of merchandise as well as digital signature of Moosewala along with sale of NFT rights to the song for the public at large.

From 'Maharani' to 'Monica', Huma Qureshi's sizzling transformation



A new set of stills released on Monday from the Rajkummar Rao and Huma Qureshi-starrer 'Monica, O My Darling', set to be streamed on Netflix, shows the 'Maharani' star looking strikingly different from her Rabri Devi-inspired homemaker-turned-Chief Minister character in the SonyLIV series.

Sharing the picture on Instagram, Huma wrote in the caption: "Reason to watch. Iska story achcha hai."

The film is a neo-noir crime-drama thriller directed by Vasan Bala, who has earlier made films like 'Peddlers' and 'Mard Ko Dard Nahi Hota', and has served as Anurag Kashyap's associate on his films in the past.

The team of 'Monica, O My Darling' joined Films Day and spoke to the audience about working together, the unique genre and what went behind the making of the film.

Commenting on the occasion, Vasan Bala said: "'Monica, O My Darling' has been a dream project for me and we cannot wait to entertain everyone with this twisted crime comedy brimming with mystery and drama. Joining forces with Matchbox Shots and Netflix along with our brilliant ensemble cast to bring to life this unique story has been an absolute pleasure."

'Monica, O My Darling' is a neo-noir that is an ode to movies about the perfect plan that led to mayhem in the lives of the people involved. The film was announced last year in July.

Directed by Vasan Bala, produced by Matchbox Shots, 'Monica, O My Darling' also stars Radhika Apte, Sikandar Kher, Bagavathi Perumal, Akansha Ranjan Kapoor, Sukant Goel and Zayn Marie Khan.

Interestingly, all members of the main cast has previously collaborated with Netflix before, barring Sikandar Kher, who gained recognition with his role of Daulat in the Sushmita Sen-starrer Disney Plus Hotstar series 'Aarya'.

Sunny Kaushal, Yami to be seen in heist-gone-wrong movie by 'Mimi' makers

Bollywood actor Sunny Kaushal is set out for a run, catch him if you can! The actor will be seen opposite Yami Gautam in the upcoming suspense thriller 'Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga', which is rolled out by Netflix.



The makers of the streaming movie recently shared a behind-the-scenes (BTS) video giving a glimpse of what went behind the making of the film.

The cast and creators of the film came together to celebrate the magic of films at Netflix's Films Day as they announced the premiere of their film and spoke about how the film came about.

Producer Dinesh Vijan said: "Yami and Sunny both have been exceptional in their last respective releases. To cast them together and bring this film to life has been an absolute delight.

"Maddock's past association with Netflix for 'Mimi' and 'Dasvi' has been very successful and now we're looking forward to releasing 'Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga' on their platform and having a global audience for the film leveraging their reach."

The film has the elements of heist and hijack and tells a riveting story from the cabin of the airplane. Talking about the film, director Ajay Singh said: "Chor Nikal Ke Bhaga traces the story of a heist that goes wrong when a plane gets hijacked, and the series of events that follows. I am elated to collaborate with Netflix and present the film to an audience across the globe."

Vidyut Jammwal dedicates poem to India's Asia Cup victory



Actor Vidyut Jammwal has shared a video poem dedicating it to the victory of Team India in Sunday's Asia Cup match against Pakistan in which Hardik Pandya hit three boundaries and a six in the last two overs at Dubai International Stadium.

The actor wrote, playing on the words of the title of his recent film:

"Jab Khuda Ho Haafiz / zindagi ke khel mein / taiyaar hain hum

Jab Khuda ho Haafiz / kabhi na rukein tere kadam Jab Khuda ho Haafiz / Poore ho saare sapne

Jab Khuda ho Haafiz / Lehraye jhanda desh ka apne!

Andhere par hoti hai ujaale ki jeet hamesha

Iss baar bhi jeentengey / chaahе deni pade Agni Pariksha!

He ended the video with a shout out to Rohit Sharma and his Men in Blue: "Team India, I love you and I know that you guys are all ready to go get the Asia Cup for us. So, go rule the game guys."

On the work front, Vidyut's latest movie, 'Khuda Haafiz Chapter 2: Agni Pariksha,' which had an unimpressive run on the big screen, is going to start

streaming on ZEE5 from September 2.

Written and directed by Faruk Kabir, 'Khuda Haafiz: Chapter 2' is the sequel to the 2020 film 'Khuda Haafiz'.

It has Vidyut Jammwal, Shivaaleeka Oberoi, Sheeba Chaddha and Dibyendu Bhattacharya playing the lead roles.

DDC Rajouri asks telecom operators to improve connectivity, mitigate public issue

RAJOURI, AUGUST 29: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal today chaired a meeting with the officers and representatives of telecom operators to review the status of telecom services being provided in the district.

The meeting was attended by ADC Rajouri, Sachin Dev Singh; DSEO, Sandeep Singh; Tehsildar Manjakote, Javed Chowdhary besides representatives of telecom companies.

Addressing the meeting, the DC said that there was a dire need to improve the connectivity in the border areas of the district to mitigate the sufferings of the public on this account. "Poor connectivity has become a chronic impediment in the way of progress of these areas," he said and added that a number of people com-

plain about the poor services and shadow places in the border area on daily basis.

Taking note of the poor performance of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in the district, he asked the concerned officer from BSNL to upgrade their system as per the need of the public.

Stressing the need of developing dependable communication networks in the district, the DDC asked for reducing the reaction time of the administration in reaching out to the people in case of any eventuality.

Directing the telecom service providers to make the best use of existing infrastructure apart from creating additional infrastructure in the district, the DDC asked them to provide quality telecommunication services to the public.

He also instructed the concerned officers to submit the list of Dark Zone areas and Shadow Zones areas within the shortest possible time so that necessary steps can be taken up to provide similar connectivity to all the areas of the district. Directing the telecom service providers to make the best use of existing infrastructure apart from creating additional infrastructure in the district, the DDC asked them to provide quality telecommunication services to the public.

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JKTPO organized “StartUp Mock Pitching” workshop in Jammu

JAMMU, AUGUST 29: Jammu and Kashmir Trade Promotion Organization (JKTPO) today organized a full day StartUp Mock Pitching workshop for StartUps based in Jammu region at Conference Hall of Jawaharlal Nehru Udyog Bhawan here in the presence of domain experts from StartUp India and E&Y.

The objective of this workshop was to educate, train & prepare StartUp founders for pitching their venture ideas & delivering a powerful StartUp presentation in front of investors in order to convey their idea perfectly and creating good impression to receive funding opportunity.

Shreeram Iyer from Ernst & Young, Krishna Gudipudi & Payal Jawalkar from StartUp India were part of expert panel who reviewed each StartUp Pitch Presentation on parameters like Idea Innovation, Business Model, Scalability, Pitch deck content, Presentation skills & others. Expert panel interacted with every StartUp founder and suggested them inputs for making further improvement in pitch deck & idea presentation.

Buy Sell Empire Genetico, Aquaplex, EDITH and other StartUps participated in this physical session and got valuable learnings for idea pitching & presentation skills.

One of the participating StartUp “EDITH” by IIT Jammu students is working towards helping blind people with innovative tech driven products. StartUp Oryza is working towards keeping pollution free ecosystem with their eco friendly biodegradable products made by rice straw.

Buddy Hub by MIET Jammu students is on a mission to create a safer zone for pets. Buy Sell Empire is a platform to sell and buy online ventures. Anmol Shakti FPC from Kathua is working on mushroom products. Genetico is a health tech StartUp and Aquaplex is bringing innovative products in entertainment space like floating cinema.

This workshop helped participants expand their idea presentation skills and equipped them with strategies to build powerful StartUp pitch deck and delivering impressive presentations.

This exercise was part of pre-event session for the upcoming StartUp event “INNOVATION FEST 2022” which is going to be organized in September 2022 by JKTPO and Higher Education Department, Govt. of J&K.

For participating in “Innovation Fest 2022”, startups can mail StartUp pitch deck to contact@jktpo@gmail.com.

Pr. Secy SDD reviews status of grievances on JK-IGRAMS portal



JAMMU, AUGUST 29: Director, Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon, today chaired a meeting at Civil Secretariat here to review the status of grievances/complaints received by the SDD on JK-IGRAMS portal.

The meeting was attended by Mission Director, Skill Development Mission, J&K, Leena Padha;

ment J&K, Sudershan Kumar; Financial Advisor, SDD, Yasir Sharif, Special Secretary, SDD; Secretary, Board of Technical Education, J&K and other concerned officials both in person and through video conferencing.

Addressing the meeting, Principal Secretary stressed upon the officers to ensure early redressal

of grievances received by the concerned authorities so that every benefits of every government scheme reach to public and required feedback is obtained from same through these grievances. He highlighted that government has keen interest to provide every facilities to the people in transparent and time bound manner.

The Principal Secretary further enjoined upon the officers that redressal of each and every complaint/grievance should be completed on the basis of ground report with involvement of local representatives, so that the complainant gets proper information as well as resolution for same. He impressed upon the officers to address the complaints/grievances under proper rules, regulations and guidelines of the government.

Progress of bulk uploading of revenue data, coverage under e- KYC, NPCI reviewed in Rajouri

RAJOURI, AUGUST 29: Additional District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Pawan Kumar Parihar today reviewed the progress of bulk uploading of revenue data and the coverage under e-KYC and NPCI, here at a meeting of the concerned officers.

CAO, Sohan Singh; LDM, Jyoti Prakash Sharma, and other concerned officers from Agriculture Department attended the meeting.

The ADDC, who is the nodal Officer for the exercise, sought a detailed report from the concerned officers about the bulk uploading of revenue data and achieving hundred percent coverage under e-KYC and NPCI. The concerned officers briefed the chair about the progress made and the steps taken to achieve 100 percent coverage.

Addressing the meeting,

the ADDC asked the concerned officers to put in dedicated efforts to meet the set targets.

He directed the concerned officers to accelerate the e-KYC registration process of the leftover beneficiaries in a time-bound manner and made it clear that no laxity would be tolerated in this regard.

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Incumbent Govts only ‘Jumla Sarkars’ no development visible on ground: Rattan Lal

JAMMU, AUG 29: Rattan Lal Gupta, senior National Conference (NC) leader and Provincial President Jammu, while terming the incumbent Govt at the Centre and the J&K Administration as ‘Jumla Sarkars’, said that people hear only their tall claims while no development is visible on ground.

He stated this during a programme held at Sher-e-Kashmir Bhawan where he felicitated the office bearers of newly constituted body of National Conference District Doda Rural Unit (Bhaderwah – Gandoh, Bhalessa) here today.

The office bearers of District Doda Rural National Conference Unit (Bhaderwah – Gandoh, Bhalessa) during their interaction with the NC Provincial President apprised him that despite J&K Administration’s tall claims no developmental activity has taken place on ground the

rural belt of Doda District. They lamented that people are craving for basic amenities while the dilapidated condition of roads has made the miseries of the people in the area multiply. Moreover, education and health sectors are totally in shambles presenting a highly dismal scenario, they alleged. They asserted that no one in the administration is ready to hear to their woes and miserable plight as a result of which the common people of the region feel the heat of official apathy of the highest degree never ever experienced before.

After giving a keen and patient hearing to the newly elected office bearers of District Doda Rural National Conference Unit, Rattan Lal Gupta said that it is very unfortunate that the people of Jammu and Kashmir in general and those of Doda’s rural region are passing through a very tough phase as they

have fallen victim to the official apathy that is dominating the system post Article 370 Abrogation. He flayed the BJP Govt at the Centre and the J&K Administration for making hollow claims of development across Jammu and Kashmir. He said that such claims made for mere publicity hold no good and people alone are the best judges to testify the claims of development made by the Govt.

The Provincial President said that people have realized that the incumbent Govt is just a ‘Jumla Sarkar’ and incapable of addressing the people’s basic day to day issues not to talk of the complex issues. He asserted that only a popular government elected by the people through democratically held elections can do justice with the people of rural and far off areas as the representatives elected by the people are fully aware of their.

Tribute paid to Martyr ASI Babu Ram 2nd Death anniversary

M S Nazki

MENDHAR, Rich tributes were paid to martyr ASI Babu Ram on his first death anniversary at his Shaheed Babu Ram Chowk in Tehsil Mendhar, today. The locals of Mendhar Sub Division along with officers from Police, Army and Civil Administration paid floral tribute to ASI Babu Ram at Shaheed Babu Ram Chowk Darana Village in Tehsil Mendhar of District Poonch. According to information Martyr was killed three terrorists at Pantha Chowk, Srinagar on 29 August, During Encounter official said. ASI Babu Ram was part of the advance party who launched an assault against holed up terrorists. “The hiding terrorists opened fire at the joint search party, triggering an encounter. The encounter ended with the elimination of three Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists, including a commander. However, Babu Ram was also martyred. The brave hero, during his service in the anti-insurgency group, remained part of 14 encounters in which 28 terrorists of different terror outfits were gunned down, the officials said, adding that for outstanding contribution and valour, he has been decorated with Ashok Chakra, the country’s highest peacetime gallantry award, posthumously. The family members of the martyrs ASI Babu Ram organized a function on his 2nd death anniversary, wherein hundreds of people paid tributes to the martyr.

Amir Iqbal Khan

Bhadarwah, Aug 28: Dog menace has been growing in Bhadarwah. From the older generation to children, everyone has become vulnerable to the growing population of Dogs in Additional District Bhadarwah.

A person identified as Gulam Mohammad Ahangar 34 S/O late Shamas Din Ahangar R/O Chinote Bhadarwah eventually landed in a coma after the pariah dogs attacked him while he was going to Bazaar on his scooter on 26-05-2020. He was chased by a group of canines resultantly he struck with an electric pole in an effort to escape the attack in Sadar Bazaar receiving head injury. Battling for his life for three days, he died on 29-05 2020 in GMC Jammu.

According to the records maintained in the emergency section of SDH Bhadarwah, close to 300 cases of dog bites were reported in Bhadarwah in the past three years.

When Executive Officer Municipal Committee Bhadarwah Yusuf Ul Umar was contacted he while informing about the causes

Dog Menace On Rise In Bhadarwah Government Agencies Sleeping On The Issue, Public Continues To Suffer

es of rising canine population said, “The numbers are soaring because of two primary reasons; the availability of household and poultry waste on roads, and the fast-breeding of dogs.”

“We are tirelessly working on minimizing the availability of garbage on the roads,” EO said. “Almost hundreds of Kilograms of garbage is generated by different sources daily in Bhadarwah town. Besides, thousands of poultry birds are slaughtered in the city which generates huge amount of poultry offal every day. If this isn’t managed properly, each dog will have an availability of 1 Kg poultry offal.”

A pack of dogs followed an unsuspecting passerby Anil Kumar 26 outside a Bakery Shop in Historical Seri Bazaar Bhadarwah. He was severely injured in the dog attack. As a good luck would have it, some people came to save him on time. However, he was hospitalised while bleeding profusely where he received seven stitches in the month of June 2022.

As per experts, the availability of the offal or any other leftover food material is directly proportional to the breeding efficiency

and the lifespan of the dogs.

Municipal Committee Bhadarwah has deployed vehicles for door to door collection of waste.

work. The sterilisation process is very essential as to combat the rising problem and proper adherence to government protocol and Supreme Court guidelines and the globally known practice of sterilisation is the only option left with department for which department lacks the requisite resources as of now. We are working on the modalities and the logistic part of it.”

“The idea is better management of poultry waste and sterilisation. As far as waste management is concerned, we have started door to door waste collection in all the wards in the Municipality in first phase of the pilot project. With this, there won’t be dumpsters full of waste

Once the waste on the roads is reduced, Yusuf Ul Umar (EO) said, the breeding efficiency and the life span of the canines will gradually decrease.

In Bhadarwah, the breeding efficiency of dogs is alarming. If there are about 200 to 500 breeding females in the dog population, they will add around five puppies each every year. This would mean, the said number of females will add 1000 to 2500 dogs after every six months.

“We are trying to come up with a proper plan of action,” Umar said. “All this needs a lot of hard

on roads which will reduce the availability of food to dogs,” he added. Claims apart, the dogs rule the streets in Bhadarwah. Mohd Salim Butt, a resident of Udrana, goes for a morning walk. Normally, all he should require for the morning walk is a pair of walking shoes and himself. But he carries a thick wooden stick to shoo away any dog that would otherwise attack him if he were unarmed. “Feral dogs are dangerous. My wooden stick protects me in the morning. Otherwise, I can be easily knocked down by dozens of dogs roaming around,” Butt said.

He also said that it has become very difficult for the children to go to schools as dogs are faced in each nook and the corner of the streets and lanes and the frequent attacks on school going children are a matter of worry of rather every household. “It is a matter of utter surprise that govt is not serious about this issue of human concern. No heed is given towards this menace by the administration. So much is done for Swatch Bharat Abhiyan to keep cleanliness everywhere, but what about the problem the faecal matter of dogs is posing

in every inch of land and it becomes difficult for people to step out,” Butt asked adding faecal matter of especially dogs carries several infectious germs and outbreak of lethal diseases is inevitable. Dogs are territorial animals and mark their boundaries within 1-2 km in a particular area. They are familiar with their plan and do not let any stranger enter their area.

When a dog enters or is forced to enter a different area other than its own, the ‘native’ dogs become aggressive resulting in a territorial dispute between the two. In reply to a question, the Executive Officer further disclosed the MCB has no means of dog catching. “The question of transporting hundreds of dogs to the city outskirts and far off villages is impossible,” he said.

After all the govt and its implementing agencies on the ground level are answerable to manage the canine created terrorism with which general public seems to have got entangled and fail to find its alternative. All they hanker upon is a hope in them that govt at the higher level would formulate a concrete policy to end the menace of dogs.

Regional Director Survey & Land Records reviews progress on digitization of Jamabandis in district Ramban

RAMBAN, AUGUST 29: Regional Director, Survey and Land Records Udhampur- Reasi, Nawab Din, today convened a meeting of Revenue officers here in DC office Complex and reviewed the progress on digitisation of Jamabandi and other revenue records in the district.

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Department of Geology and Mining Samba hosts one day workshop on e-challans and e-market place for stakeholders

SAMBA, AUGUST 29: Department of Geology and Mining Samba, in collaboration with District Administration, on Monday conducted one day workshop on e-challans and e-market place for the stakeholders here at Conclave Hall DC office.

All stakeholders, including lease holders, Crusher unit holders, Mineral dealer license holders and consumers which included NHAI executing agencies were present in a day long training session. The event was held to acquaint the stakeholders with the working of e-governance initiative of the department which was launched by the Chief Secretary of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, Dr Arun Kumar Mehta.

Speaking on the occasion, District Mineral officer, Samba Mohammad Sayeed informed the stakeholders that the launch of e-challans and e-market place, the system will become transparent and easy to work with greater accountability.

Training session was presided over by Joint Director H L Langey along



with Nodal Officer e-market web portal Dr Rajinder Singh. The Joint Director asked all stakeholders to immediately install weighing bridge and shift to e-market place at once.

Dr Rajinder, while concluding the session, gave hands on training to all stakeholders.

GDC Samba organises Tug of War Competition

SAMBA, AUGUST 29: Pt. Prem Nath Dogra Government Degree College Samba today organised a Tug of War competition to celebrate the National Sports Day which coincides with the birth anniversary of Indian Hockey Legend Major Dyan Chand.

Both Male and female students of the college participated in the event. In the Male Category, 40 students participated while in the female 20 students participated in the event. The students showed their skills. While highlighting the achievements of Major Dyan Chand, Principal of the College, Dr. Surinder Kumar Sharma appreciated the efforts of the Physical Director Sanjeev Jamwal and Convener Sports Committee Dr. Yash Paul Singh for celebrating the day and channelizing the energies of the students towards sports for their overall development.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE...

ONLINE

be gathered in a minute which could efficiently reveal the effect of services offered by the government. Government of Jammu and Kashmir has embarked on an ambitious journey for ushering the era of smart, efficient, responsive, transparent, citizen friendly and corruption free governance across Jammu and Kashmir.

A number of major IT initiatives have been taken in recent times by the UT Government which has brought a paradigm shift in the structure of governance. The main emphasis is on G2C (Government to Citizen) Online Services, 213 of which have so far been launched and many of them have been made available under a Unified Service Delivery Portal called e-UNNAT. These have been integrated with MeriPehchaan, RAS feedback mechanism, e-Payment gateway, SMS gateway, DigiLocker, Aadhar, eKYC and UMANG.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir is firmly committed to reach out to the common public and make available to them the G2C services in an easily accessible, uncomplicated and transparent manner.

The Government’s resolve is to provide an enriching experience to the citizen /user, save them from physically visiting offices and dealing with public officials in crowded offices and go through complicated processes. At the same time, the objective is also to save the citizen from visiting too many online portals and having to remember all those website addresses and login credentials. There was a long felt need of the citizens to have easy access to all those services.

The Rapid Assessment System (RAS) has been integrated with all the services for eliciting the response and feedback of the citizens regarding the ease of availing, usage and quality of the service. About 30 of these services have been brought on-board the UMANG platform thus moving towards the Goal of “AapKa Mobile, Humara Daftar”.

A few services like Birth certificate, Death Certificate etc. have been integrated with Digi-Locker and more are in the process of integration, thus paving the way for a citizen to obtain their digital documents while sitting in the comfort of their homes or offices.

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DGP

security forces, the graph of militancy has decreased in Jammu and Kashmir during the past few years,” the DGP said.

He, however, directed the officers to frame strategies for uprooting the militant ecosystem to consolidate peace in the region.

Singh stressed for alertness and area domination for better results.

Though the contribution of Jammu and Kashmir Police on different fronts is being appreciated at the highest level of the country, “yet we need to further improve our investigation work to hit the ecosystem of militancy hard”, he said.

The DGP earlier inaugurated the iOS version of “JK-eCop” mobile app.

Singh hoped that the iOS version of the app will further bridge the gap between the police and the general public. The Android version of the app was launched earlier by Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha.

JKECOP

emergency help, status of highway, details of a case, paying challan online, getting character certificate, doing tenant/PG verification,” the police said.

AZAD

“inexperienced sycophants” run the party.

Azad is the fourth leader of the G-23 to leave the party after Kapil Sibal, Jitin Prasada and Yoganand Shastri. Before Azad, only a few leaders had attacked Rahul in such a blistering fashion after they left. The first perhaps was Himanta Biswa Sarma, who joined the BJP after quitting Congress.

Azad was a member of the Congress Working Committee and a member of the Sonia Gandhi-headed political affairs group.

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Azad (73), a former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister, ended his five-decade association with the Congress on Friday, saying the party was “comprehensively destroyed” and lashing out at Rahul Gandhi for “demolishing” its entire consultative mechanism.

Malik, a former Congress MLA from Kathua’s Bani, and two former MLCs – Subash Gupta from Kathua and Sham Lal Bhagat from Doda – separately forwarded their resignation letters to the party high-command.

“We have received the letters (of support) from Malik, Gupta and Bhagat,” Azad’s close aide and former minister G M Saroori said.

General secretary of the Jammu and Kashmir Congress Maheshwar Singh Manhas also resigned from the party in support of Azad.

In a related development, 12 workers of the Apni Party from Doda, including its district president Asgar Hus-sain Khanday, district general secretary Virender Kumar Sharma and district vice-president (women’s wing) Promila Sharma, resigned from the primary membership of the party and extended their support to Azad, who hails from Bhaderwah town in Doda.

Former Jammu and Kashmir deputy chief minister Tara Chand, former ministers Abdul Majid Wani, Manohar Lal Sharma and Gharu Ram and former MLA Balwan Singh met Azad in Delhi and are likely to announce their loyalty to him on Tuesday after resigning from the Congress, a source said.

Over a dozen prominent Congress leaders, including former ministers and legislators, besides hundreds of Panchayati Raj Institution (PRI) members, municipal corporators and district and block-level leaders have resigned from the party to join Azad, who will soon launch a national-level political outfit from Jammu and Kashmir.

VIKAR RASOOL

Wani met Azad in Delhi two days before his exit from the Congress. “I was a loyalist of Azad sahib and I met him in Delhi two days before his exit. He never shared anything on his exit. He even congratulated me for getting appointed as J&K Congress president. I told him that we have a reception at Jammu on August 30 and you will be warmly received there. He said he was busy and in the coming days, we will organize a big rally. At that time I didn’t know he was talking about his own party rally,” Wani told report-

ers in Srinagar.

He said he was straight forward man and didn’t know about this “dangerous politics” played by Azad. Wani said Azad should have not resigned from the party where he spent his 50 years and it was disheartening for him.

JKPCC chief alleged that Azad had fallen into the trap of BJP’s and his image has now got a hit.

Vikar said Azad’s new party would be an addition to the already existing parties in J&K and it wont make any difference on ground.

“We will strengthen our party and ensure new people join our party fold,” he said.

Congress president alleged that most of the political parties in J&K are “A”, “B” and “ C” teams of BJP in one way or the other.

PAGD

or Gujjars or Sikhs, who reside here, will lose their identity. The assembly will be in the hands of the outsiders. We all oppose it,” he had said.

PAGD, an amalgam of five political parties – NC, PDP, CPI(M), CPM and Awami National Conference – is campaigning for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir’s special status within the Indian Constitution.

Tarigami, who is in Jammu for the past couple of days, said invitations will be forwarded to all parties except the BJP to attend the “important meeting”.

The BJP has been critical of the PAGD and has accused the NC, Peoples Democratic Party and other parties of spreading “propaganda” to poison the minds of the people over the issue of “inclusion of non-local voters” in the revised electoral rolls.

“There is no issue of ‘locals or non-locals’ as the Constitution gives all citizens the right to vote in the country after attaining the age of 18.

The Representation of the People Act was implemented across the country in 1950 and was extended to Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 (in August 2019),” BJP president Ravinder Raina had said, adding the revision of electoral rolls was taking place in accordance with the Act.

However, senior AAP leader and former minister Harsh Dev Singh had accused the BJP of misrepresenting and misinterpreting the law to justify the inclusion of non-local voters in the Union territory.

The controversy erupted after Jammu and Kashmir’s Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar said the Union territory is likely to get around 25 lakh additional voters, including outsiders, after the special summary revision of electoral rolls, which are being held for the first time after the abrogation of Article 370.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration, however, had issued a clarification, saying the reports were a “misrepresentation of facts by vested interests” and the increase in numbers will be due to the voters who would attain the age of 18 years by October 1, 2022.

Dissatisfied with the clarification, the NC and other parties claimed the administration has not addressed their main concern on whether “outsiders” ordinarily residing in Jammu and Kashmir will be allowed to enrol as voters.

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said, adding that further investigations are in progress.

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fungus) reported today. So far 51 black fungus cases have been confirmed in J&K, the officials said. Also 22832 doses of covid-19 vaccine were administered in J&K during the time, they added.

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household in rural areas have availability of soak pits, Compost pits, system for grey water management before the celebration of Gandhi Jayanti this year. He also underscored on meeting the target of delivering all the 3620 Amrit Sarovars before this deadline. He asked them to rope in the local panchayat representatives for its better implementation and information among the masses.

The Chief Secretary also advised them to sensitize the school children about the benefits of cleanliness and involve them in keeping the surroundings of the school and their homes clean. He stressed on scientific disposal of the solid waste and its door to door collection in rural areas. He asked for taking the assistance of NGOs, SHGs or other welfare organizations in that direction as UT has enough funds earmarked under relevant grants.

Dr Mehta also asked the department to provide houses to houseless on priority and also to those having Kaccha structures under the PMAY. He implored that the saturation of this scheme is very much possible in J&K and the department should work towards that. He also enquired about the works completed under MGNREGA and maintained that every jobless person should get work whenever he/she has need of it. He stated that this year the department should complete a record number of works this year under this program. He also took note of huge gap between tendered out and allotted works in the department.

The Chief Secretary further emphasized upon engaging each person in rural area in some cultural or sporting activity. He also told the department to organize rural women into SHGs and engage them in any entrepreneurial activity for earning their livelihood. He also asked them to see that each panchayat has a rural haat to market the products prepared by these entrepreneurs.

The meeting was informed that Rs 3868.92 lakhs has been released under UT capex for carrying out 2410 works. It was also given out that 275 lakh person days of employment is targeted to be generated under the MGNREGA this financial year.

It was also revealed in the meeting that out of 3620 Amrit Sarovars, 1419 stands complete and work on rest is at different stages of completion. Under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Grameen 195188 cases had been sanctioned till date. Similarly under Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen 3600 CSCs, 3017 SWM and Liquid Waste Management cases, 19 Plastic Waste Management, 30 Gobardhan projects and 3 Faecal Sludge Management projects would be completed to make our villages clean and healthy, as was ascertained in the meeting.

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involved.

The court said that the testimony of victim of offence is not just to be taken on its face value but has to be considered on the broader probabilities of inspiring confidence and truthfulness.

“Therefore, on cumulative consideration of the matter in its totality having regard to the statements of witnesses would suggest that there is no concrete evidence on record connecting the accused with the commission of offence,” the court as per judgment, a copy of which lies with GNS. The evidence of witnesses, the court said, is not corroborative, leaving doubt in the prosecution case.

“I am unhesitant to record that prosecution evidence cannot be said to definite, positive consistent and coherent so far as the case against the accused is concerned,” the court said, adding, “A clear room for doubt is left out in the prosecution evidence.”

The court said that it is not part of the duty of the accused to show as to why a false allegation has been leveled against him and why particular witnesses have deposed against him but it is bounded duty of the prosecution to establish its case against the accused beyond any reasonable doubt. “Further it is beaten law that strong suspicion, co-incidence and grave doubt cannot take place of the legal proof,” the court said.

“Suspicion however, grave is not proof in absence of the reliable evidence and it is always unwise to act on mere suspicion. Thus prosecution case fails and accused is accordingly acquitted of the charges leveled against him,” the court said, adding, “Accused Karnail Singh son of Chet Ram resident of Bagan Kot, Tehsil Chassana, District Reasi, A/P Bagh-e-Bahu, Jammu who is in custody is ordered to be released forthwith.”

RAMBAN

went to Afghanistan (Rishkoor Place) for further training,” the dossier said.

After training, it said Wani infiltrated into India in March 2002 through Maind, Poonch border and reached Srinagar and remained an active commander with code name “Khalid” but was arrested a year later from Lakhampur along with some arms and ammunition and hawala money.

The dossier said he was lodged in Kot Bhalwal jail Jammu till 2005 and was again arrested by a special cell of Delhi Police in 2007 in a case related to unlawful activities (pre-vention) Act.

“He was convicted and remained in Tihar Jail from 2007 to 2014. His brother is lodged in Lucknow Jail since 2008 and was sentenced to life imprisonment (in a separate case),” the dossier said, adding his activities are “very harmful and highly prejudicial” for the peace, prosperity, tranquillity, integrity and security of J&K, particularly in Banihal. It accused Wani of instigating and provoking the general masses particularly youth of Banihal and adjoining areas against the Government and disturbing the peaceful atmosphere. “He is also trying to create communal tension.”

However, Wani’s wife Noureen Begum said her husband is living a normal life after his release from the prolonged detention. “He is not involved in any type of anti-national or anti-social activities,” she claimed, requesting the district administration Ramban and police to relook into his case and order his release. “He is the father of a son and a daughter who are below five years of age. He is the only bread earner in the family,” she said.

She said he was picked up from his village on August 3 and detained in police station Banihal before he was sent to Kot Bhalwal jail on August 25.

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constructed for parking of 1,000 vehicles.

“The tentative cost of the new building and associated works will be Rs 1500 crore,” they said, adding that “Many new facilities are in pipeline and it will shared only once they are finalised.”—(KNO)

DC Ramban reviews implementation of PM-KISAN scheme

RAMBAN, AUGUST 29: Deputy Commissioner, Ramban, Mussarat Islam today chaired a joint meeting of Revenue and Agriculture officers to review the status of the enrollment of farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) in the district.The meeting was attended by the Additional Deputy Commissioner, Harbas Sharma, ACR, Gias-ul-Haq, SDM Banihal, Zahir Abbas, Chief Agriculture Officer, Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Tehsil-dars, and several other senior officers were present in the meeting. The Deputy Commissioner discussed in detail the issues pertaining to the registration of beneficiaries by the field staff for a cent percent saturation of PM Kisan. He directed the CAO to submit tehsil-wise progress report. He asked to identify the left-out beneficiaries and enroll them at the earliest. The concerned departments were asked to activate their field staff to create awareness regarding the scheme.Under PM-KISAN, landholding farmer families, having cultivable land up to 2 hectares, are provided direct financial support at the rate of Rs. 6,000 per year.

LCMA seals one shop at Nowpora

SRINAGAR, AUGUST 29: The Enforcement Wing of Lake Conservation & Management Authority (LCMA) today undertook a drive in Nowpora area in which one shop was sealed.

People in these areas have been warned not to resort to any illegal constructions and were asked to get proper building permission from the competent Authority. During the drive, the Police Contingent from PCR, Police Station Khanyar and Naib Tehsildar LCMA were accompanying the drive.

SD SW NCC Unit Degree College Bhadarwah Organises Painting, Poster Making Competition

Amir Iqbal Khan



Bhadarwah, Aug 29:Under the Campaign “Puneet Sagar Abhiyan” a sequel to events under Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, a painting cum poster making competition was organized by SD & SW NCC unit of Govt Degree College Bhaderwah under the guidance of Dr Kuldeep Kumar Sharma, Principal of the college and Col Mohit Sharma Commanding Officer 2JK(I) Coy NCC Bhaderwah and Supervision of Lt Prithvi Raj associate NCC Officer.

It was informed that it is an initiative through the campaign to keep the seashore , local water bodies clean from plastic, and other garbage being constantly dumped on these seashores, on the banks of rivers, near local water bodies etc.Speaking on the occasion, Dr Kuldeep Kumar Sharma said that Puneet Sagar Abhiyan is launched by NCC to clean Sea Shores/Beaches and other water bodies including rivers & lakes of plastic & other waste and to increase awareness amongst the local population about importance of keeping the beaches and river fronts clean . “there is dire need to keep these water bodies clean if we want to live disease free,” he added.

In his message through virtual mode Col Mohit Sharma CO 2JK (I) Coy NCC Bhaderwah , appreciated the efforts by cadets and also expressed his commitment to make “Puneet Sagar Abhiyan” successful by cleaning the local water bodies and exhorted for cleanliness drive at Jai specially to clean the river flowing there.

Speaking on the occasion Lt Prithvi Raj , Associate NCC Officer encouraged cadets to participate in such programs and also asked them to bring awareness among masses for keeping these local water bodies clean.

As many as 50 cadets took part in the program.

Sergeant Ashish Parihar was judged as first in Poster making Competition second position was shared by Lance Corporal Samridhi Rana and Cdt Shivani Manhas while Cdt Nisheeta and Cdt Azam Manzoor were judged third respectively.

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OP SADBHAVNA INITIATIVE FOR PROVISIONING OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE YOUTH UNDER HIMAYAT SCHEME

M S Nazki



Mendhār :In continuation with the series of initiatives taken towards provisioning of employment to local youth under Operation Sadbhavana, continuous endeavour was being made for last three months by Indian Army to mobilize youths for employment through Himayat Scheme. Finally, 55 youths (20 Boys of Surankote, 27 Boys & 04 Girls of Mandi and 04 Boys of Poonch Township) were dispatched on 29 August 2022 from Surankot to Bagaria Education Trust, Jaipur, Rajasthan for three months training for Data Entry Operator and Food & Beverage Host. Training is being provided free of cost and is inclusive of all facilities to include accommodation, food, uniform, stationary, medical facilities etc. The initiative of this nature will give an opportunity to the youth to visit another part of our great country, interact with people of different cultural backgrounds and expand their mental horizons. Training will be followed by compulsory provisioning of job immediately after completion of training with a minimum salary of 10,000 per month. This will have far reaching impact as more & more youth will be motivated to work hard for such selection. Parents & civilian present during the dispatch ceremony lauded the initiative of Indian Army and were appreciative of the confidence building measure .

INDIAN ARMY ORGANISES NATIONAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATED FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN NEAR LINE OF CONTROL

M S Nazki

Srinagar :National Sports Day was celebrated at Govt Upper Primary School, Kamkari near the Line of Control in Machhal Sector, Kupwara. A total of three teachers and 55 children participated in the event.

The little school children of this remote border area were educated about the importance of sports in maintaining physical and mental health in their lives. Various sports games such as cricket, football, kabaddi and kho kho were organized for the children.

The children showed great competitive spirit and all the participants were awarded during the prize distribution ceremony.

National Sports Day is celebrated on August 29 in India every year as a tribute to our hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand who was born on this date in 1905.

GGHS Kacchi Chawni Organises Program on “Nasha Mukht Bharat”

Amir Iqbal Khan



Bhadarwah, Aug 29:Students of Govt Girls High School Kacchi Chawni Jammu took part in an anti-drug program organized as part of the government’s “Nasha Mukti Bharat” Programme in the premises of their institution on Monday.On this occasion, Kalpana Raina senior master delivered a lecture about the dangers of drug addiction and the importance of staying away from substance abuse. She elaborated on the ill impacts of drug abuse and expressed her anguish over the way this menace is eating deep in to the vitals of the society and especially youth are becoming victims to this malaise, she explained.

As many as eighty students along with teachers, including the Head mistress Safya Bano of the school, took part in the special program of discussion on “Substance Abuse” wherein maximum participants were given an opportunity to express their views about drug addiction through paintings and drawings.

Headmistress Safya Bano gave a detailed talk about drugs, its various forms of addiction, its impact on the individual and the society, the stages of addiction, withdrawal symptoms and the latest treatments available.

“Remember, Drug Addiction is not a Sin or a Crime, it is a Disease that can be prevented. Everyone of us needs to say NO to Drugs,” She added encouraging the enthusiastic students who later came up with vivid colors of pictures about addiction during the drawing competition.

Ecoclub PSPS GCW Gandhinagar organises extension lecture on Climate change & Carbon Trading

JAMMU, AUGUST 29: Eco-club of Padma Shree Padma Sachdev Government College for Women Gandhinagar, under the aegis of Paryavaran Sanrakshan gatividhi, has initiated a special series of activities under the theme ‘One week One Nation’. Under the series three activities are being conducted by the College to spread awareness about environmental conservation.

The event began with a lecture on ‘Climate Change and Carbon trading’ delivered by Dr.Harish Chander Dutt, Sr. Assistant professor from the Department of Botany,University of Jammu.

In his talk he explained in detail about the consequences of Climate Change and preventive measures which can be taken to cut emissions. He also discussed advantages and disadvantages of Carbon trading. The programme started with the formal welcome address by Dr.Harjeet Kour Sodhi,Convenor,Eco-club. Chief guest on the occasion was Prof. Minu Mahajan, Principal of the College, in her address, encouraged the students to go for conservation and protection of nature on a daily basis as a single day would not be sufficient for it as their consistent smaller efforts can bring major changes.

Programme was attended by the students of the Department of Environmental sciences and Botany and faculty members of the college and anchored by Prof.Sugandha Mahajan. The formal vote of thanks was presented by Prof. Nisha Bhagat.

Members of Eco-club Dr.Rahul Sharma, Prof. Eisha Gohil,Prof.Shivani Sawhney, Dr.Suraj Mohani,Prof Swarn Singh and Dr.Ravinder Kumar coordinated the whole event.

Clashes in Libya leave 32 dead before tentative calm

TRIPOLI: Flights resumed and shops re-opened in Libya's capital Tripoli on Sunday after clashes between backers of rival governments killed at least 32 people and sparked fears of major new conflict.

Armed groups had exchanged fire that damaged several hospitals and set buildings on fire starting on Friday evening, the worst fighting in the Libyan capital since a landmark 2020 ceasefire.

A cautious calm had set in by Saturday evening and the health ministry said on Sunday morning that 32 people had been killed and 159 wounded during the clashes.

The fighting came after months of mounting tensions between backers of Abdulhamid Dbeibah and Fathi Bashagha, whose rival administrations are vying for control of the North African country which has seen more than a decade of violence since a 2011 uprising.Rival administrations of Abdulhamid Dbeibah and Fathi Bashagha are vying for control of TripoliDbeibah's administration, installed in the capital as part of a United Nations-led peace process last year, has so far prevented Bashagha from taking office there, arguing that the next administration should be the product of elections.Bashagha was appointed by Libya's eastern-based parliament earlier this year and is backed by powerful eastern military chief Khalifa Haftar, whose 2019 attempt to seize the capital by force

turned into a year-long civil war. Bashagha, a former interior min-



ister, had initially ruled out the use of violence to take power in Tripoli but subsequently hinted that he could resort to force. Libya plunged into chaos following the 2011 overthrow and killing of its leader Moammar Qadhafi in a Nato-backed uprising, with myriad armed groups and foreign powers moving to fill the power vacuum. Certain armed groups seen as neutral in the latest crisis moved to back Dbeibah this weekend to push back Bashagha's second attempt to enter the capital. Both sides exchanged blame on Saturday while world powers appealed for calm.

Shifting sands The UN's Libya mission called



for "an immediate cessation of hostilities", deploring "indiscriminate medium and heavy shelling in civilian-populated neighbourhoods".On Saturday evening, Dbeibah posted a video of himself surrounded by bodyguards and greeting fighters supporting his administration. Wearing a blue shirt and accompanied by his personal guard, he shook hands and took selfies with supporters. "We won't leave this country to the scoundrels," he said in the video posted on his Twitter account under the title "end of the aggression". He said on Sunday he would cre-

ate two committees to survey the damage from the fighting. Dbeibah's Government of National Unity said fighting had broken out after talks to avoid bloodshed in the western city collapsed.

Bashagha denied such talks had taken place, and accused Dbeibah's "illegitimate" administration of "clinging to power".

Local media reported late Saturday that a group of pro-Bashagha militias that had been making their way to the capital from Misrata later turned back.

The fighting prompted several airlines to cancel flights in and out of the only working airport in the capital, and high school examinations set for the end of August were postponed.

But flights resumed and shops reopened on Sunday morning, while the University of Tripoli announced that exams set for Monday would go ahead as originally planned, annulling an earlier postponement.On Saturday evening, Dbeibah ordered the arrest of anyone involved in the "attack on Tripoli", both civilian and military.A pro-GNU force from Misrata — the hometown of both Dbeibah and Bashagha — said on Sunday it had arrested several people involved in the attack.

But analysts said the crisis was far from resolved, with the capital controlled by a multitude of armed groups with shifting alliances described by analyst Wolfram Lacher as "a never-ending story".

Death toll reaches 1,136 in Pakistan as flood threat lingers in KP

The overall death toll from floods across the country reached 1,136 on Monday as the threat of more flooding lingered in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Radio Pakistan reported that according to a situation report of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), 1,634 individuals were injured in various rain and flood-related incidents and over 735,375 livestock animals were lost.

Additionally, over 3,451 kilometres of roads, 149 bridges, 170 shops, and 949,858 houses were damaged across the country.Today's developments:Death toll reaches 1,136

Water level decreases in Kabul River at NowsheraFurther 35 tourists rescued from KumratKP CM visits Chitral and Dir

PM Shehbaz visits Nowshera and Charsadda to review damages and relief operations, announces Rs25,000 for all the flood-hit families

Aid for relief and rehabilitation pours into Pakistan from friendly countriesSindh CM visits Sehwan and Dadu, inspects Manchar Lake water level

PTI fundraising telethon at 9:30pm tonightMeanwhile, the water level in Kabul River still ranged from medium to very high flow. Data available from the flood cell showed that a decrease of 41,000 cusecs was recorded in the river's water level and 296,731 cusecs were passing through the river at Nowshera — which was still "very high" flow.However, that was lower than Sunday's flow of over 336,000 cusecs.The irrigation department also said that a "high" flow was reported in Kabul River at Warsak with 103,614 cusecs and "medium" flow at Adezai Bridge with 54,495 cusecs flowing.

According to a statement from Nowshera's deputy commissioner of office, the water level in the Kabul Riv-

er was continuously decreasing and was likely to go down further in the next five to six hours.

Moreover, high water level was also observed in the Indus River at Chashma, with inflow and outflow levels recorded at 525,362 cusecs and 519,362, respectively.

However, the flood cell data showed that the rest of the rivers in KP were flowing at low, normal, and medium levels.

Meanwhile, KP Chief Minister Mahmood Khan visited flood-affected areas of the province, met affectees and announced Rs100 million aid for them.

The PTI said that he would visit four districts today — Upper and Lower Chitral and Upper and Lower Dir — to review relief and rescue operations.

"In this hour of difficulty, we stand side by side with our people. We believe in public service by being among the people," CM Khan said. Rescue operations also continued today as 35 more tourists, including women and children, were airlifted from Kumrat Valley, tour operator Syed Aqil Shah told Dawn.com.He said a number of tourists were still stranded in Kumrat.Relief activities have also begun in Lower Kohistan, according to the area's assistant commissioner, Muhammad Saqib Khan.

"Two relief camps have been set up at Gabbar and Mazo areas of Lower Kohistan for relief activities, while teams have left for the assessment of losses across the district," he told Dawn.com.Khan said that the people stranded in several areas of Dubair, Ranolia, Kayal areas had been evacuated to safer places, however, roads lead to Dubair, Ranolia and other areas were still blocked as most of their stretches had been washed away by the floods.

NASA Postpones Launch Of Artemis 1 Moon Mission On Discovering Engine Snag

NASA scrubbed the test flight on Monday of its giant Moon rocket because of a temperature issue with one of the four RS-25 engines.Alternative dates for launch of the Artemis 1 mission, an uncrewed flight around the Moon as part of an ambitious program to eventually go to Mars, are September 2 and September 5. Tens of thousands of people -- including US Vice President Kamala Harris -- had gathered along the beach near the Kennedy Space Center in Florida to watch the launch. The mission is taking place 50 years after Apollo 17 astronauts last set foot on the Moon. The goal of the flight, dubbed Artemis 1, is to test the SLS and the Orion crew capsule that sits atop the rocket. Mannequins equipped with sensors are standing in for a crew for the mission.

For Group Namaz At Home, Police Case Against 26 In UP Village

Lucknow: For a "mass gathering to offer namaz" at a house "without prior permission", a police case has been registered against 26 Muslims at Dulhepur village in Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad district. The village does not have a mosque, and some residents have objected to gatherings for namaz, even if inside homes. Police cited "objections from neighbours" and booked the namazis under Indian Penal Code's Section 505-2 — technically speaking, for mischievous statements in a gathering performing religious worship.

Japan to push for African seat on UN Council

TUNIS: Japan will use its place on the United Nations Security Council to push for an African seat on the top world body, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said on Sunday. "Japan reiterates its determination to redress the historical injustice against Africa of not being represented through a permanent membership on the Security Council," Kishida told the Tokyo International Conference on African Development in Tunis.

"In order for the UN to work effectively for peace and stability there is an urgent need to strengthen the UN as a whole through Security Council reform," he said. The UN faces "a moment



of truth", he added. Japan was among five countries elected in June to hold a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council for 2023 and 2024.

Kishida, speaking over live video from Tokyo after testing positive for Covid-19 days earlier, reiterated a pledge announced on Saturday to invest some \$30 billion in Africa over the next three years.

He also announced that Japan would appoint a special envoy to the Horn of Africa, where a long drought has prompted the UN's weather agency to warn this week of an "unprecedented humanitarian catastrophe".

Kishida said Japan would pump \$8.3 million into the troubled but gold-rich Liptako-Gourma tri-borders area between Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso that has been ravaged by jihadist attacks in recent years.

The aid will aim to "develop good cooperation between residents and local authorities" and help improve administrative services for the area's five million residents, he said.

CBI Will Check My Bank Locker On Today, But Will Not Find Anything: Manish Sisodia

New Delhi: Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has claimed that CBI officials will come to check his bank locker on Tuesday and said the agency sleuths will not find anything in it.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader is among the 15 people and entities named in an FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in connection with alleged irregularities in the implementation of the Delhi excise policy.

On August 19, the federal probe agency had raided 31 locations, including Sisodia's residence, in connection with alleged irregularities in the Delhi government's Excise Policy 2021-22.



"Tomorrow, the CBI is coming to check our bank locker. They did not find anything in a 14-hour-long raid at my residence on August 19. They won't find anything in the locker too. The CBI is welcome. My family and I will extend full cooperation in the probe," the deputy chief minister said in a tweet in Hindi. Sisodia has been saying he has been made an accused in a false case to

stop the march of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who has emerged as an alternative to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Excise Policy 2021-22. "Tomorrow, the CBI is coming to check our bank locker. They did not find anything in a 14-hour-long raid at my residence on August 19. They won't find anything in the locker too. The CBI is welcome. My family and I will extend full cooperation in the probe," the deputy chief minister said in a tweet in Hindi. Sisodia has been saying he has been made an accused in a false case to

1.73 Lakh People Died In Traffic Accidents In India In 2021, Up From 2020

New Delhi: As many as 1.73 lakh people lost their lives in around 4.22 lakh traffic accidents in the country in 2021 with Uttar Pradesh reporting the highest number of deaths in such mishaps at 24,711 deaths, followed by Tamil Nadu which recorded 16,685 deaths.

According to the latest report of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), the number of traffic accidents in the country increased from 3,68,828 in 2020 to 4,22,659 in 2021.These traffic accidents comprise 4,03,116 road accidents, 17,993 railway accidents and 1,550

railway crossing accidents. They caused 1,55,622, 16,431 and 1,807 deaths respectively during 2021.

The maximum increase in number of traffic accident cases in states from 2020 to 2021 was reported in Tamil Nadu (from 46,443 to 57,090) followed by Madhya Pradesh (from 43,360 to 49,493), Uttar Pradesh (from 30,593 to 36,509), Maharashtra (from 24,908 to 30,086) and Kerala (from 27,998 to 33,051). "These traffic accidents resulted in injuries to 3,73,884 people and 1,73,860 deaths during 2021. Uttar Pradesh (24,711 deaths) followed

by Tamil Nadu (16,685 deaths), and Maharashtra (16,446 deaths) have reported maximum fatalities in traffic accidents in the country," the report said.These three states accounted for 14.2 per cent, 9.6 per cent, and 9.5 per cent of total deaths in traffic accidents respectively, and collectively accounted for 33.3 per cent (57,842 out of 1,73,860) of total fatalities reported at all India level during 2021.The percentage share of traffic accidental deaths in total deaths due to 'other causes' has decreased from 45.1 per cent in 2017 to 44.5 per cent in 2021.

Ukraine tense as N-plant, nearby towns shelled

KYIV: Russian artillery fired at Ukrainian towns across the river from the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant overnight, local officials said on Sunday, adding to residents' anguish as reports of shelling around the plant fuelled fears of a radiation disaster.

Russia's defence ministry said there was more Ukrainian shelling of the plant over the past 24 hours, just a day after Moscow and Kyiv traded accusations of targeting Europe's biggest nuclear plant, which has prompted grave international concern.

Ukrainian nuclear company Energoatom said it had no new information about attacks on the plant.

Captured by Russian troops in March, but still run by Ukrainian staff, the complex on the southern front line of the war has been one of the major hotspots in the six-month-old conflict.The US State Department said in a statement on Sunday that Moscow did not want to acknowledge the grave radiological risk at the Zaporizhzhia plant and had blocked a draft agreement on

nuclear non-proliferation because it mentioned such risk. Regional governor Oleksandr



Starukh said on Telegram on Sunday that Russian forces struck residential buildings in the region's main city of Zaporizhzhia, about a two-hour drive from the plant, and the town of Orikhiv further east. On Saturday, Starukh told Ukrainian television residents were being taught how to use iodine in case of a radiation leak.

Ukraine's military reported shelling of nine more towns in the area on the opposite side of the Dnipro river from the

plant in its daily report, while the RIA agency quoted the Russian defence ministry as say-



ing its air force struck a Motor Sich plant in the region where helicopters were repaired. Russian Defence Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said nine shells fired by the Ukrainian artillery in two separate attacks landed in the nuclear plant's grounds.

"At present, full-time technical personnel are monitoring the technical condition of the nuclear plant and ensuring its operation. The radiation situation in the area of the nuclear

power plant remains normal," he said in a statement.

The United Nations and Kyiv have called for a withdrawal of military equipment and personnel from the plant to ensure it is not a target.Continent at riskUkrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said that Russian forces had turned the plant into military base, putting the whole continent at risk, and had no business being there. "Russian military must get out of the plant," he said on Twitter.

The UN nuclear watchdog IAEA is waiting for clearance for its officials to visit the plant, which its head said on Thursday should be "very, very close"

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky warned on Friday the situation at Zaporizhzhia remained "very risky" a day after it took hours to reconnect two of its reactors to the grid after shelling cut them off.On Ukraine's eastern front, Ukrainian forces halted the latest Russian attempt to advance on the town of Sloviansk, Kyiv's military said in its daily report.

US blasts 'cynical' Russia for blocking UN nuclear text

WASHINGTON: The United States on Sunday denounced Russia's "cynical obstructionism" after Moscow blocked adoption of a joint declaration on nuclear non-proliferation following lengthy international negotiations at the United Nations.

The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), which 191 signatories review every five years, aims to stop the spread of nuclear weapons, promote complete disarmament and promote cooperation in the peaceful use of nuclear energy. Russia on Friday prevented the declaration's adoption, saying it took issue with "political" aspects of the text — a step criticised by Washington.

"After weeks of intensive but productive negotiations, the Russian Federation alone decided to block consensus on a final document" at the conclusion of the four-week NPT

review conference, State Department deputy spokesman Vedant Patel said in a statement.

He said Moscow's move was done "in order to block language that merely acknowledged the grave radiological risk at the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant in Ukraine," a major atomic facility that is currently occupied by the Russian military.

The latest draft text had expressed "grave concern" over military activities around Ukrainian power plants, including Zaporizhzhia, as well as over Ukraine's loss of control of such sites and the negative impact on safety."Despite Russia's cynical obstruction, the fact that all other parties supported the final document demonstrates the treaty's essential role in preventing nuclear proliferation," the State Department's Patel said.

National sports day celebrated in kulgam

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Kulgam, 29-Aug; Department of Youth services and sports Kulgam celebrated National sports day in all six zones of District Kulgam. The grand function of celebration was organised at GHSS Kulgam in which more than 500 students took part in different sports events and later on an award ceremony was also managed by sports wing of concerned institution. The chief Guest of the ceremony was Deputy Superintendent Police Mr. G. M Bhat, Guest of honours of the function were Chairman Municipality Development Council Kulgam. Muneeb Ah Zargar, SHO Kulgam Irshad Ah Reshi and Renowned Women Cricket Coach Lone Sumaya. All these guests distributed mementoes, trophies and certificates among the meritorious sports players of institution. In addition to this one more award ceremony was managed by DYSS Kulgam at sports stadium Kulgam in which District Youth services and sports officer Kulgam Ghulam Hassan presented appreciation certificates among some dedicated teachers for their dedication and devotion towards the department. Sports activities were also organised by DYSSO Ghulam Hassan Kulgam at mini stadium Kulgam and best players were appreciated by DYSSO Kulgam. Zpeo kulgam, field staff and many participants were present on the occasion.

National Sports day observed at GHSS Baramulla



BARAMULLA, AUGUST 29: The National Sports Day was today celebrated with great enthusiasm and fervor at Government Girls Higher Secondary School Baramulla where a large number of students participated and carried out various sports activities including Tug of War. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla, Dr Syed Sehrish Asgar presided over the programme as chief guest, while as President Municipal Council Baramulla Touseef Raina also participated in the Event. Chief Education Officer Baramulla G.M Lone, District Social Welfare Officer besides other field officials of concerned departments were also present on the occasion. After witnessing various sports activities showcased by the students, the DC appreciated their efforts and urged them to take part in all the sports activities. Dr Sehrish assured them that the District Administration will provide every facility including upgradation of sports infrastructure for the youth so that they work with dedication and achieve the best in the sports field besides choosing it as their career avenue. The DC while highlighting the importance of observing the National Sports day said that this day, people are encouraged to take some time out of their schedule to play their favorite sport and inculcate the habit of playing sports in daily life to keep themselves physically and mentally fit. Later, the DC also interacted with students and extended her appreciation for their outstanding performance in the sports.

National Sports Day... YSS Working Tirelessly for the promotion of sports in J&K, organized hundreds of sports activities on NSD across UT :Dir Sports



Pulwama Aug 29: Director Youth Services and Sports J&K (YSS) while extending the greetings of National Sports Day to the Youth of J&K in general and sports persons in particular has said that this day reminds us of the tremendous contributions by legendary hockey player Major Dhyhan Chand in the field of sports. To commemorate the day he was speaking at the inaugural function of the Inter District Provincial Level Volleyball tournament at Women Degree College here. While speaking about the importance of the day and the arrangements made for its celebrations across J&K he said that the Department of YSS had already geared up its preparations for the mega event across the UT. "The format given in advance by SAI was followed in letter and spirit and we are targeted to involve lakhs of students of more than 23 thousand J&K schools," has further stated. Director YSS while appreciating the young girls for

taking part in the mega sports event said that the Department of Youth Services and Sports is working tirelessly for the promotion and development of sports in the UT of J&K and it's really heartwarming to see daughters of the soil taking sports as a career and bringing laurels to the UT. Joint Director YSS, Kashmir also spoke on the occasion and said that the day promotes the significance of sports in our daily life and how it helps us grow better both physically and mentally. In the first phase of the schedule activity at the District, Director YSS and other dignitaries inaugurated an exhibition Hockey match between YSS and Hockey Team Pulwama at the newly constructed Hockey turf. The officers spent some blithesome and joyful moments with the players. Director sports advised the players to opt sports as a career and use leisure time in games to avoid drug abuse and anti-social activities. ADCC Pulwama, Principal

GDC women Pulwama, DYSSO Pulwama and other senior officials of the Department also accompanied. Director YSS at both the venues. Director Youth Services and Sports J&K (YSS) while extending the greetings of National Sports Day to the Youth of J&K in general and sports persons in particular has said that this day reminds us of the tremendous contributions by legendary hockey player Major Dhyhan Chand in the field of sports. To commemorate the day he was speaking at the inaugural function of the Inter District Provincial Level Volleyball tournament at Women Degree College here. While speaking about the importance of the day and the arrangements made for its celebrations across J&K he said that the Department of YSS had already geared up its preparations for the mega event across the UT. "The format given in advance by SAI was followed in letter and spirit and we are targeted to

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Champions Cup Chogal Handwara

Mir Suhail's All-Round Heroic's, Helps Affarwat-XI To Annihilate Gazi Sports Sumbal By 5-Wickets.



Lone Musaib

Handwara :-In the Ongoing Champions Cup Chogal Handwara Affarwat-XI Sports Club Baramulla annihilated Gazi Sports Sumbal By 5-Wickets. After Winning the toss Affarwat-XI invites Gazi Sports Sumbal to bat first and bundled-Out them for 98 runs in 16.1 overs. Saleem Pollard hits a half century with 55 runs off 34 balls for Gazi Sports Sumbal. Abid Lefty took 3-Wickets in his 4 overs conceded only 11 runs while Mir Suhail took also 3-Wickets, Conceded 29 runs and Showkat Bhat Send 2 batsmen's back to the pavilion Conceded only 7 runs in his 3 overs for Affarwat-XI Sports Club Baramulla. In reply Affarwat-XI Chased down the target in 13.5 overs for the loss of 5-Wickets. Zubair Lone played a splendid knock of 34 runs off 33 balls while Mir Suhail played unbeaten quick fire knock of 17 runs off just 9 balls and Javide Ahmad added unbeaten 12 runs off 8 balls. Mir Suhail was declared player of the match for his all-round heroic's.

National Sports Day celebrated in BHSS Uri

India celebrates National Sports Day on 29th August 2022 to commemorate hockey legend Major Dhyhan Chand. The day is dedicated to the nation's sports heroes and champions honouring their contribution and dedication towards bringing laurels to the country. In this perspective under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav this institution also celebrated the National Sports Day today on 29th of August 2022 with the aim to raise awareness about the values of sports, discipline, perseverance, sportsman spirit, team work and to encourage our young students to take up sports and make it an integral part of their lives while emphasizing on the importance of being fit and healthy. Various sports programmes were organised by the sports Department of the institution in which students participated according to their interests. The programme was inaugurated by the SHO police station uri Mr Imtiyaz Ahmad Lone who also addressed the students on the occasion and encourage them for participating in Sports activities with great enthusiasm. The institution organised a number of Competitions like Race, Javelin throw, Kabbadi, Table tennis, Discuss throw (disc throw), Carrom, Chess, Kho kho and Volley Ball. Principal BHSS Uri Mr. Mushtaq Sopori also addressed on the occasion and stressed students and other participants to show their talent and skill.

Indian Army Organises National Sports Day Celebrated at Govt Her Sec School Manjakote near LOC

M S Nazki

Rajouri Indian Army in association with J&K sports council had organized a Kho-Kho tournament for the girls at the Govt Sr Sec School, Dehri Ralyot, Manjakote. A total of 08 teams participated proactively from various schools of the Rajouri distt. The tournament was a refreshing change from the regular sporting events and a step towards emphasizing on our traditional sports. The

event was covered on a wide scale by national as well as local print media. 04 league matches were played, out of which four (04) teams qualified for semi finals. Finals were played between HSS Dehri Ralyot & HS Ghambir Brahmana teams and based on the points, the former was declared as the winner. The winning team and runners up were awarded with trophies and each participating student was presented with a certificate and



medal. The tournament proved to be a gala event as the specta-

tors turned up in huge quantity and cheered for their respective teams. The girls had participated enthusiastically in the tournament and requested the Indian Army to organize more such sporting and education events. They also stated that, with the endeavor of the Army, their parents are also motivating them to participate in various events which are essential for overall development of the students and prep them for future challenges.

GPL Premier League Concludes Wullar Sports Hajin Lifts Trophy

Hajin Aug 29: In order to mohalla Hajin, was de-



engage youth of the area in sports act and to keep them away from the ill influences of drug abuse, a group of local youth of the area had organized a cricket tournament Gandbal Premier League here. A total of 16 teams from Hajin and other neighbouring villages of the town participated in the month long cricket tournament. The final of the the tourney was witnessed by a huge crowd of the area. Besides youngsters, hundreds of elderly had also gathered together to support their favourite team. Wullar sports Hajin defeated SSCC Naidkhai with a huge margin. Mudasar Afzal, a young all-rounder from Parray

clared man of the match for his fantastic innings. Azhar Hajini, famous television Presenter and broadcaster, who attended the concluding ceremony of the tournament as chief guest while praising the organisers for organising the tournament in most proficient manner despite all the hurdles and difficulties, and expressed happiness about such initiatives which are helping the local youth to take best from their energies, and to remain free from the ill effects of the substance abuse. He hoped that the management would put in more serious efforts to organise the second edition of the tournament with the teams from all the ten

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